

Several Wells Near Production

Flores No. 2 and Poe No. 3 Are Brought in During the Past Week

A spurt of activity marked the Christmas season in the Round Top area of the Hamlin Oil field, with two wells brought in for paying production, and several others nearing pay zones, observers said Wednesday.

The Flores No. 2, drilled by General Crude, came in last week for an estimated production of 500 barrels daily. The well did not present the same display of gas and oil that the Flores No. 1 gave. It drilled to the Palo Pinto reef at about 4,800 feet.

The G. A. Poe No. 3, drilled into the Palo Pinto reef at 4,800 feet and came in for an estimated production of 15 barrels of high grade crude per hour.

Meanwhile several new wells were spudded in during the past week, and others were drilling ahead at various depths.

General Crude spudded in the Flores No. 4, and Ellis Hall spudded in on the G. A. Poe No. 4.

Hall also set surface this week and expected to begin drilling operations Wednesday on the Sterling No. 3. C. L. Nosworth of Dallas has spudded on the Cleo Shell tract, one and one-half miles west of Royston to test that area. The wildcat is expected to go to the Ellenburger at about 6,200 feet.

The Texas Company has spudded in on the northeast corner of Section 79 of the Stephens Estate, one half mile south of present production. The well has a permit for a 5,000 foot hole.

The J. B. Terrell No. 3 was drilled ahead below the 4,000 foot mark, going into the Palo Pinto reef. Production is expected late this week.

The A. G. Griffin Estate No. 1,

two miles north of the Round Top field, near the Mount Zion Church, was drilling below the 3,200 foot depth Wednesday.

Duffield & Lester, drilling 10 miles southeast of Hamlin in an untested area, was nearing pay production at 3,000 feet Wednesday.

Several other new wells are expected to spud in during the next few days, observers said.



Miss Jeannine Johnston daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnston of Hamlin, was selected as Sweetheart of the 1949 Bronco at Hardin-Simmons University. Miss Johnston is a senior student in the university.

Avoid Tragedy Is Plea of Firemen

Simple Rules for Safety During the Yule Season Are Given by Marshal

Plea for a safe Christmas was made this week by F. M. Crow, Hamlin fire marshal, who pointed out many of the dangers that exist during the annual celebration of the birth of Christ.

Crow said the fire department is always ready to aid in preventing disasters that result from accidents during any season of the year.

"However," he said, "we would much rather prevent the accident than have to help put out fires, or aid somebody in saving lives after accidents have happened."

Among the simple rules designed to aid in preventing fires or deaths from electrocution during the Yule season, are the following:

Keep the light switch clear and do not hang anything on the box. Replace blown fuses only with another fuse or an approved brand and never install a fuse with a greater amperage rating than was originally installed. It is hazardous to bridge a fuse or tamper with the original installation.

Extension cords are temporary installations and should be removed when not in use. They should never be nailed to walls, floors, or other objects. Inspect these cords regularly for bad connections and bare spots.

Do not install extension cords to floor lamps or other appliances under rugs; walking over these cords will wear the insulation. It is recommended that you not only turn off your radio, but that you pull the plug out of the wall when the radio is not in use.

Do not place ash trays on the arms of upholstered furniture; rather on a small table or smoking stand beside the chair.

When have you last inspected the cord and connections on your bed lamp? Remember you are groping in the dark for the switch on the lamp when you desire to turn on the light.

Check the condition of your dresser lamp frequently. Always be

sure you have extinguished the fire on that cigarette you were smoking while you were dressing.

Here is a test you can make for yourself. Pull the curtains around toward and in front of your heaters. If you can pull the curtains into a hazardous place, then the wind can blow them there, and it is suggested that you move the stove. Note that radiant heaters are not too close to beds, walls or other pieces of furniture.

Crow said that under no circumstances should lighted candles be placed near combustible materials and they should not be used on Christmas trees.

The final rule, he said, is that if a fire starts, call the fire department immediately and don't wait until a blaze has gained headway before sending in the alarm.

Christmas Tree and Program at Swedonia

A Christmas tree and program for the community will be held at Swedonia Thursday evening, residents of that community have announced.

The program will be given by school children of that vicinity, and gifts will be exchanged around the tree as a climax of the evening's festivities.

Roland Gets Plenty of Typewriters--Has Two

O. D. Roland of Hamlin, who lost his chance at a small fortune two weeks ago when he failed to identify the title to a song on a radio contest program, was awarded plenty of typewriters as consolation prizes.

This week Roland received a portable Remington noiseless typewriter from the firm conducting the program—and then two days later Mrs. Roland an identical consolation prize.

Mrs. Morris Is Awarded First in Yard Decoration

Mrs. Luther Morris was awarded first prize in the yard and home decoration contest, sponsored jointly by the Hamlin Garden Club and the Literary Club.

Judging of the decorations was done Monday evening by Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pitman and Mrs. Wilson, all of Anson.

Second place was awarded to Mrs. W. C. Russell for the holiday lighting of her home and yard, and third place went to Mrs. LaFoy Patterson. Prizes in the contest were \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50 respectively for first, second and third places.

The contest was based on general appearance and originality of decorations, members of the committees in charge said.

The idea for the contest came after the Chamber of Commerce had voted to award prizes to the merchants for the best decorated business windows in Hamlin.

Traffic Deaths In State Rise Sharply in '48

Despite redoubled efforts of state safety department officials deaths from traffic accidents in Texas during the same period of 1947, according to a report issued this week by the department.

During the first 11 months of the current year a total of 1,824 persons in the state lost their lives in traffic mishaps, while 1,772 persons were killed from the same cause in 1947.

However, the fatalities from traffic during November of 1948 were fewer than during November of 1947. For the 1948 month of November a total of 139 deaths were attributed to traffic accidents, while November of 1947 had 161 deaths from traffic.

Rural areas proved more deadly than did the towns and cities, according to the figures of the department. A total of 1,338 lives were lost in rural areas during the 11-month period of this year, as compared with 486 deaths in cities, towns and villages. The figures for 1947 were: 1,267 for rural areas and 505 for urban.

Excessive speed was given as the most frequent cause of fatalities by the department, followed by defective motor vehicles and intoxication.

In addition to the deaths from accidents 52,491 persons suffered injuries during the first 11 months of 1948 as compared with 51,637 injuries during the corresponding period of 1947.

Total accidents reported for the current year were 154,112 as compared with 150,137.

The accident rate rises sharply during holiday periods according to the report, and winter months cause more accidents than do the summer months.

Street Dance Opened Anson Yule Program

Christmas festivities opened at Anson this week with a street dance Monday evening on the west side of the square.

The dance inaugurated the widely-known Cowboys' Christmas Ball, which is an annual event in the county seat town. The ball is a continuation of the original ball made famous by Larry Chittenden in his poem, "Cowboys' Christmas Ball." It originated in the old Morning Star Hotel, an early day hostelry in Anson.

At the Thursday night dance only couples wearing costumes will be permitted to attend the ball.

BANK TO CLOSE

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Hamlin will close at noon Friday and will not reopen for business until Monday, December 27, it was announced this week by Clyde Angel, cashier.

MRS. MILLER IMPROVED

Condition of Mrs. Joe B. Miller, who has been ill with bronchial pneumonia since last Wednesday night, was reported to be greatly improved this week.



"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,"

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known unto us."

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.—Luke 2:7-16."

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."

"Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.—Matt. 2:1-2, 11."

Public Invited to Christmas Party At Hamlin Hospital Thursday Night

The first Christmas party at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital will be staged Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock, according to J. H. Patterson, business manager of the institution, and the public is invited to attend.

A Christmas tree, decorated in traditional Christmas lights has been erected in the lobby of the hospital, and large numbers of gifts to the hospital have been placed at its base.

The presents will be opened after the public reception, to give employees of the hospital an opportunity to send acknowledgments to the donors, Patterson said.

Christmas carols will be played during the evening and other program numbers may be given if no patients at the hospital are seriously ill at the time.

The packages were given to the hospital in response to a "letter to Santa Claus" published in The Hamlin Herald last week, in which needs of the institution were outlined by the manager.

To drive for funds to pay outstanding obligations of the hospital appeared to have failed in its purpose of raising \$15,000, Patterson said this week.

A total of only \$2,765 had been

COLES AT TSTC

Don Coles of Hamlin is one of 1,800 students enrolled in Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, it was announced this week.

ATTEND PAGEANT

Mr. and Mrs. Tate May and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Angel attended the Christmas pageant, at Albany Wednesday evening.

Christmas Story Given Rotarians

Dr. Will C. House, pastor of the First Methodist Church spoke at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Hamlin Rotary Club, when he related the Christmas story and applied it to world conditions today.

"The whole world," he said, "needs peace. It needs the kind of peace that the angels promised in their message to the shepherds. 'But, he continued, 'the world cannot know that peace until the hearts of men accept the message of Christ.'"

The club presented a piece of costume jewelry to Miss Janet Bonner, pianist for the group during the past year.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Ralph Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey, who underwent a major surgical operation in Callan Hospital, Rotan, last week, was returned to his home here Sunday. His condition is reported to be greatly improved.

Needy Families Will Get Food

Colored Families Included in Plans For Distribution of Food, Candy

Needy families of Hamlin will have Christmas dinners, and their children will be provided with candy, fruit and nuts and toys, in the concerted effort of civic and service clubs of Hamlin, it was learned this week.

Cooperating in the movement to provide the Christmas presents are the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Volunteer Fire Department and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Much credit for the movement belongs to one individual, Mrs. L. S. Magee, according to Travis Hash, general chairman of the combined committees. Mrs. Magee has been active in securing cooperation for the food distribution, and has spent many hours soliciting for gifts of toys and preparing them for Christmas gifts.

Candy, nuts, and fruit for the Christmas packages will be provided by the VFW post, while the other organizations will share the cost of food and other necessities for making a happy Christmas season.

New Pews Installed In Church of Christ

Installation of new pews in the auditorium of the Hamlin Church of Christ was underway this week, and it was hoped to have them ready for services Sunday, J. Cleo Scott, minister of the church, said.

The new pews are of hardwood and are 10 feet in length, Scott said.

Cotton Market Holds Steady As Sales Drop

Trading in spot cotton continued fairly active last week in Oklahoma and Texas markets, USDA's Production and Marketing Administration, reports.

However, sales at Dallas, Houston and Galveston slipped about four per cent below those of the previous week at a totaled 74,519 bales. A similar decline in sales was recorded at the other leading spot markets, but total sales ran about 22 per cent ahead of those for the corresponding week last year.

Cotton prices remained firm last week, fluctuating within a narrow range of only 10 points. Closing quotations at Dallas, Houston and Galveston Friday were \$16 to \$18 per bale less than for the corresponding day last year.

The basis in the country markets eased slightly during the week. Current ginnings are moving into trade channels at slightly lower prices.

Export demand continues brisk, but domestic interest has been confined to fill-in orders.

Texas farmers have placed 482,030 bales of cotton under government loan, and Oklahoma farmers 90,978, reports Commodity Credit Corporation.

Cottonseed prices are about steady.

Carloadings in Area Continue Downward

Railroad carloadings in the mid-dlewest continued their downward trend during the past week, according to reports from the Santa Fe and Katy roads.

For the week ending December 18, 1948 carloadings on the two lines were 30,440 as compared with 31,782 for the corresponding week of 1947.

Yule Program Given In New Hope School

Annual Christmas program was given in the New Hope school Monday evening when pupils took part in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Wortham Crow are teachers of the school and directed the festivities.

Included in the program were a spelling bee, a short play and several musical numbers.

son for Hamlin's needy families.

The gifts all will be loaded on a truck Friday afternoon and the truck will parade down Central avenue, led by the fire truck, Hash said.

The parcels will be distributed during the period from 1:00 o'clock until 5:00.

The food and treats will be given, not only to white families, but colored people will also share in the distribution, it was decided this week. J. R. Huchingson, superintendent of Hamlin schools was preparing a list of needy colored families to be visited during the afternoon.

It is estimated that more than \$250 will be spent in the endeavor to guarantee a happy Christmas to all Hamlin people.

13 Pied Pipers Given Jackets in Chapel Monday

Letter jackets, attesting their prowess in football, were given to 13 members of the 1948 Pied Piper squad in a program held in the high school auditorium last Monday morning.

The jackets were presented by Coach Jesse N. Burditt and Superintendent I. R. Huchingson.

Those who received jackets were: J. B. May, Gene Westmoreland, Carroll Phipps, Donald Young, Joe Ford, Alfred Ellison, Tommy Latham, Seth Adams, Clifton Townsend, Earl Putnam, Stanley Butler, C. L. White and Thee Hill.

Other members of the team who will receive jackets at a later date are: Donald Rowland, W. T. Stapler, John Ray Holland, Asa Goodgame, Joe Allen Dean, Harold Johnson and Dean Phipps.

Lions Exchange Gifts In Riotous Meeting

Members of the Hamlin Lions Club exchanged gifts at their meeting Tuesday at noon when the exuberant spirit of Christmas prevailed. The meeting was marked with fun and jokes, punctuated by flying missiles, aimed at random targets.

The gifts consisted of toys, which then were put into a barrel to be distributed to Hamlin's needy children. Bill Eysen served as a substitute Santa Claus for the impromptu program.

The club met Tuesday for the first time in its new meeting place at Johnson's Drive-Inn cafe.

Hamlin Dance Team Gave Exhibition

The Hamlin Dance team gave an exhibition at the annual Cowboys' Christmas Ball at Anson Wednesday evening by special request of the committee in charge.

The team, known throughout West Texas for its square dance exhibitions, is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wilmon, Mr. and Mrs. Gean Witt and Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Witt.

The Cowboys' Ball began Tuesday and will continue through Friday evening.

COLORADO CITY FLAG FLIES HIGH—IN HAMLIN

The banner of the Colorado City basketball team is flying high—but on the Hamlin High School flagpole and not on their home standard.

The banner was attached to the top of the flagpole in front of Hamlin High School when the CC team played the Pied Pipers here last week. And then to make sure that it would not be removed soon, some enthusiastic fan for the Colorado Citizens cut the chain that raises and lowers the flag.

School officials were pondering ways and means to haul down the alien ensign this week and replace it with an orthodox flag honoring the Pied Pipers.

With Maggie Gone

By CAROLYN GRANT

IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment along the street, unmindful of the eager passersby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there.

Snow was a part of Christmas, and after days of hesitancy it had come—just as he and Maggie had always wanted it. "Snow makes the lights seem brighter in the store windows, along the decorated streets of our little town and in our home on our tinsel-draped cedar tree. We haven't missed many Christmases, Dan, having our snow." It seemed long ago since Maggie had said that. Years, it seemed. Yet it had been only last year that they'd stood at their front window looking out at the dark sky, and Maggie'd said those words almost like a prayer.

Dan sighed and let his chin drop into the upturned collar of his overcoat and started on. He wished the snow hadn't come. With Maggie gone, he could hardly bear its soft falling of down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its brightness with the street lights shining upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best.

Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



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not any more. There'd be only memories of other Christmases eddying about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie'd made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Roland and children spent the week-end in Fort Worth as guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Fowler will have as their Christmas guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fowler of Freeport, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fowler Jr., of Duncan, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Carl Andress and daughter, Linda, of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Rosie Embrey visited her brother-in-law of San Antonio, last week.

Santa if they hadn't bought them gifts. Long ago they'd begun the ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Billy's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gayly wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And little Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were filmed, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way."

The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan, "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"

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"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for

Sub Deb Club Feted With Yule Social

Miss Frankie Sue Madden was hostess to members of the Sub Deb Club in her home Tuesday evening, when they enjoyed their annual Christmas party.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served.

Those present were: Jo Anne Johnson, Oleta Kite, Oleta Meeks, Doris Rodgers, Patsy Brown, Bobby Brown, Nadine Blount, Wilma Moore, Juanice Young, La Nelle Coltharp, Betty Taylor, Vannie Bea Huling and Winnie Hassen, sponsor.

that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Mrs. Fay Lyon and son, Frank, of Commerce, are spending the holidays as guests of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. D. M. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson and son, John, were guests of the platin anniversary party Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rose of Hereford.

Mrs. B. B. King and son have returned home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Harpole in Kermit.

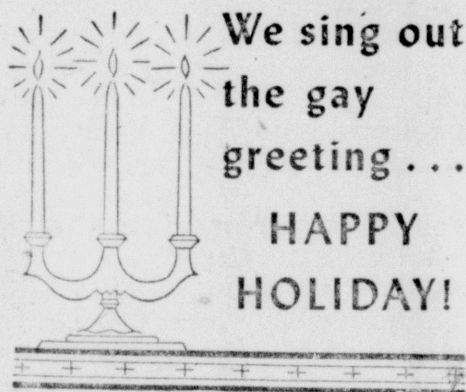
Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ellis were guests in the home of Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roundtree, of Hamlin last week-end.

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends.

HAMILTON IN JAPAN.

Private William J. Hamilton, of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamilton of Hamlin, has been assigned to the Provisional Squadron of 7th Cavalry Regiment in Japan. He enlisted in the Army April 2, 1947, and received his basic training in Fort Lewis, Washington.

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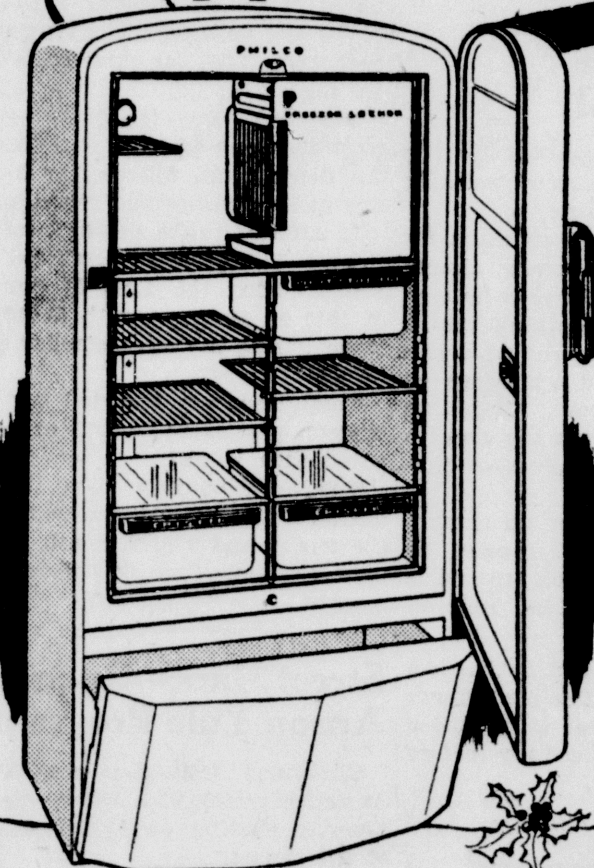
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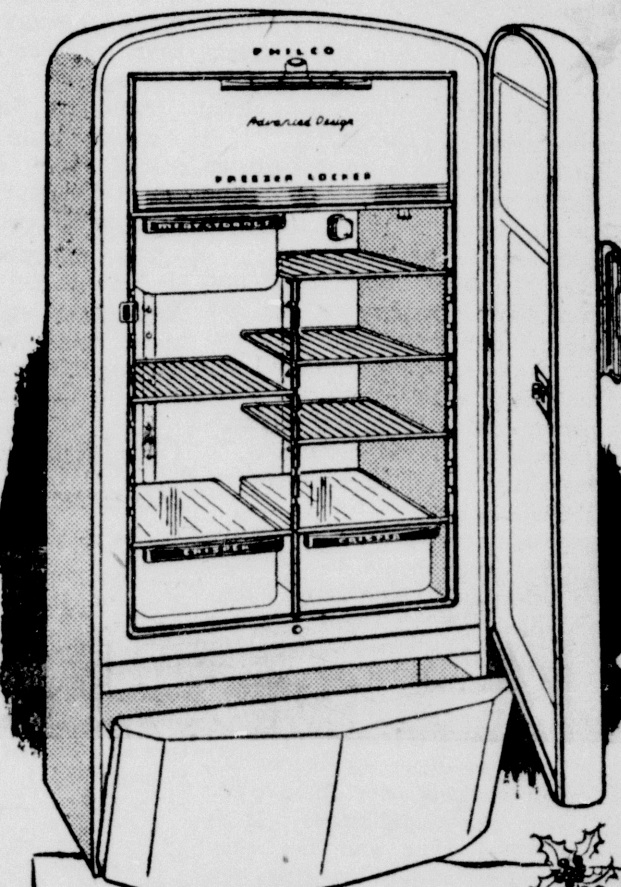
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Rites Conducted For Mrs. Owen in Methodist Church

Final rites for Mrs. Jack Owen were conducted in the Calvary Baptist Church in Hamlin Sunday, December 19, with Dr. Will C. House pastor, and Rev. J. E. Harrell of Anson, in charge.

Mrs. Owen died in a San Angelo hospital last Thursday following an illness of only two weeks.

Born in Hamlin, March 24, 1921, she had attended local schools and graduated from Hamlin High School in 1938. She married in 1939, and became the mother of two children, who survive. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Owen is survived by her husband of San Angelo, a son, Ronnie Joe and a daughter, Nancy Ann, of the home; her father, Ross Dillard of Ropesville; two brothers, C. L. Dillard of Dallas and Bill Dillard of Terrell.

Burial was in the East Cemetery, directed by the Barrow Funeral Home.

Annual Yule Party Given for BTC Group

Members of the Senior Baptist Training Course of the Calvary Baptist Church were given their annual Christmas party in the home of John Johnson last Friday evening.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served following the playing of games.

Those present were Cagy Branscum, Jo Ann Fannin, Cleta Fay Neagle, J. W. Carter, Viola Embrey, Willie Ails, Juanes Branscum, Alfred Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carson, Mr. and Mrs. John Pat Collins, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Neagle, Elder W. E. Nunn, Joe Boyd Turner, Mrs. J. T. Johnson and John Johnson.

MRS. LESLIE ILL

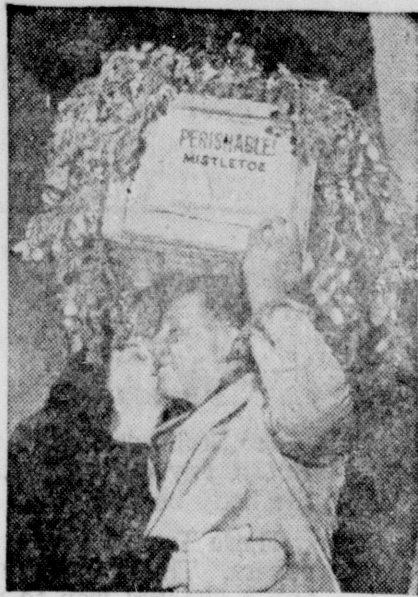
Mrs. S. B. Leslie, mother of Mrs. W. L. Meeks, has been seriously ill at the home of her daughter. Her condition has been considered grave for several weeks.

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Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipagno, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.

The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf

drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and despatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were

Fairy Blue Birds Had Yule Party Tuesday

Members of the Fairy group of Blue Birds were entertained in the home of Mrs. Paul Wick last Tuesday afternoon, when they spent much of the time in singing of Christmas carols and making decorations for the tree. Christmas gifts were distributed and displayed.

The entertaining rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors. Refreshments of cheese crackers, cake and lemonade were served.

Those present were Kay Shelburne, Elizabeth Ann Johnson, Glenda Wick, Kay Gould, Marsha Carson, Gloria Jean Rodgers, Barbara Ann Connelly, Kay Selmore, Babbette Boyt, Judy Spores, Joan Hallum, Zoann Current, Saella Jo Goodwin, May Jo Bean, and Gloria Elaine Gould, mascot. Adults present were Mrs. Don Gould, leader and Mrs. Wick, assistant leader.

also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."



Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible.

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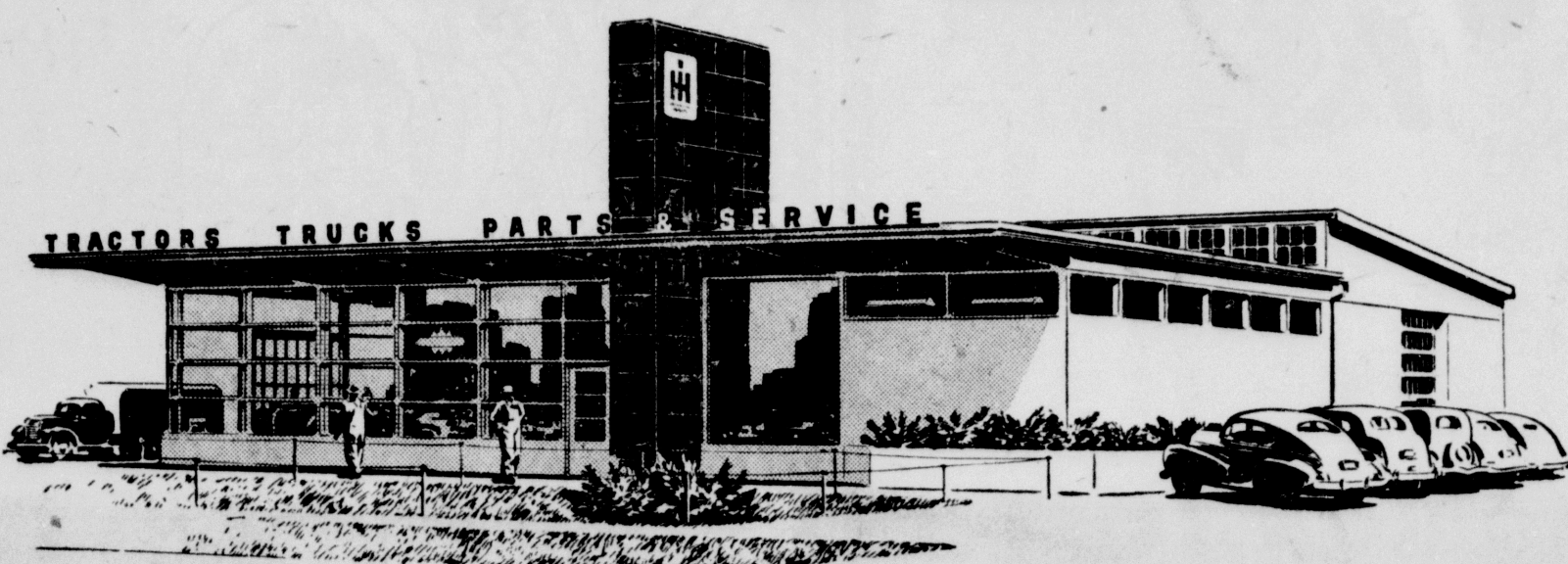
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Hamlin, Texas



All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolizes this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.

I appreciate very much the friends who have been so loyal during the past years, and the kind expressions of their friendship has helped to make many memories that are precious to me. May all of you have joy and gladness during the holiday season and all the year.

And I wish for all of you. . . A HAPPY NEW YEAR

MRS. FLORENCE MORGAN



Christmas is here again with its sweet joy of planning and doing for someone you love.

We hope this Christmas brings you more true happiness than any

have gone before.

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For Sale

FOR SALE—Record player.—See Dr. McCrary. 5-tfc

FOR SALE—Seven room house with bath, furnished. All hard wood floors. Acres from Elementary School.—See W. Wallace or call 439. 50-tfc

FOR SALE—Massey-Harris and Allis Chalmers tractor. Sell either. Also for rent 210 acres of land.—Contact L. B. Meeks. 1p

FOR SALE—Three late model Jeeps.—See Bantien Motor Company, Stamford. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Used portable washer, also evening wrap worn one time.—Contact trailer house at Frank Williams' home. 3-2p

FOR SALE—1938 Plymouth 2dr.; Dodge motor; reasonable.—Dr. J. W. McCrary. 52-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Three-year-old Shet-land. Gentle for children of any age. Also good pigs for sale.—Bryant Conner, Phone 444. 6-3p

FOR SALE—My home and small laundry. Call 394 anytime.—Mrs. Minnie McNeely. 2-tfc

FOR SALE—20x40 building; nearly new.—Located nine miles southeast.—Contact Elmer D. Rogers, Hamlin. 7-4p

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE or Trade—Farmall tractor, good. Kerosene heater, also bundle heater.—Albert Moore. 7-2p

NEW TRACTORS at list price. Case "VAC" or 2 row complete with all tools, and Case "SC" complete with 3 row tools.—Rube's, Inc., Stamford, Texas. 7-2p

GET YOUR Fireworks at Masser Drug, McCauley, Texas. 7-2p

For Rent

FOR RENT—Building now occupied by Lewis Wheat & Son; good location. Will be for rent about January 1. Also storage space in brick warehouse.—Wilson Hardware. 6-tfc

FOR RENT—Magnetic vacuum cleaner, all attachments, \$1 per day.—White Auto Store. 3-tfc

WANT To Buy clean rags no buttons and No Khanki 12c per pound.—Hamlin Motor Co. 32-tfc

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

FOR RENT—Small apartment house, unfurnished.—See Frances Fannin or phone 240. 51-tfc

FOR RENT—Electric paint spray gun by the hour or by the job.—White's Auto Store. 1-tfc

Wanted

WORK WANTED—Cemetery curb-ing. See or write J. B. Smith, Anson, Texas or contact M. L. Haight, Hamlin, Texas. 6-4p

WANTED—Nicely furnished house or apartment. Couple references furnished.—Call 208. 8-2p

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

ONLY GENUINE Maytag parts for sale by Bryant-Link Co., Hamlin. 13-tfc

DID YOU KNOW you could get new sewing machines at White Auto Store. 44-tfc

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

WANTED—Water well drilling.—George Sublett, Merkel, Texas, call 222. 7-3p

Lost and Found

LOST—Two-inch rubber water hose, 12 to 14 foot long, between Hamlin and Sylvester.—Sylvester Laundry. 7-2p

Cards of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks to all our friends who have thought of us with words of sympathy and beautiful flowers, and many deeds of kindness during our bereavement.—The family of Doro-thea Dillard Owen. 1p

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to each and everyone for their thoughtful kindness and expressions of sympathy at the death of our husband and father.—Mrs. E. L. Carnes and children. 1c

Alathean Class Party Was Event of Monday

Members of the Alathean Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church were entertained at a Christmas party in the basement of the church building Monday evening.

The rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors. The program opened with the singing of "Silent Night," led by Letris Young, with Winnell Abbott playing accompaniment.

Mrs. A. R. Posey gave a Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," and Mrs. Kitty Crockett led in prayer.

A plate consisting of cheese sandwiches, olives, pecan pie and coffee was served. Favors were sprigs of mistletoe, tied with red ribbons.

Mrs. Joe Simpson, newly-elected teacher of the class, gave a brief talk, after she was introduced to the members.

Each person present brought a gift, and the gifts were packaged and taken to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital as a Christmas donation from the class.

Milton and Ralph Johnson, students at Bethany Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma, will spend the Christmas holidays in Hamlin as guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Johnson.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our deep appreciation to the many people in Hamlin and vicinity who sent messages of condolence, gave flowers and otherwise exhibited their sympathy in the loss of our wife and mother, Mrs. Jack Owen.—Jack Owen and children. 1p



Once again, as the glow of the holiday season envelops the land, we extend our friendliest greetings and warmest wishes for a joyous Yuletide season.

Stubbs Shoe Shop
Mr. and Mrs. LaRoy Stubbs and Son

Wesleyan Guild Me^t In Miss Vaughn Home

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild were guests of Miss Lulan Vaughn and Miss Georgia Moore in their home last week.

In addition to the regular members present, guests were Miss Frances Ruth aBiley who has returned from Japan, and Mrs. Earl Misener, who expects to join her husband in Japan immediately after the holidays.

Miss Bailey exhibited pictures of Japan, and Mrs. Misener gave a talk about her husband's work in Korea.

The hostesses served a refreshment plate and presented a gift to each guest.

Intermediate GA Had Christmas Party

Members of the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. John Walton, Monday evening.

The group gave Mrs. Walton a silk scarf and a pair of hose as a Christmas present, and she presented a corsage to each of the girls.

After refreshments were served, the girls prepared a basket of food and took it to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital, and then they went caroling.

Present for the party were Corena Burk, Bennie Elkins, Gwendolyn Norris, Kathryn Richey, Tommie Lowe, Jere Lynn Irwin, Janice Agnew, Jeannine Deel, Barbara Posey, Dorothy Altum, Eddie Decker, Eleanor Hutchinson, Mrs. Walton, and two visitors, Glenna Brewer and Raonna Elkins.

Miss Olive Adams Is Bride of Abilenian

Miss Olive Adams became the bride of Kenneth W. Morris of Abilene in double ring ceremony in the First Methodist Church of Hamlin Saturday evening, December 18.

The vows were read for the couple by Dr. Will C. House, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large group of friends and relatives of the pair.

Mrs. Morris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams of Hamlin, where she has made her home and attended school.

Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Morris of Abilene.



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Christmas decorating is in full swing at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children as Richard Ooley, Spearman, and John Ballard, Dallas, trim a Christmas tree. The two little girls in wheelchairs, Marolyn Barrett, Odessa, and Tommie Kay Robinson, Hereford, avoid the Christmas postal rush by wrapping their gifts early with colorful paper and ribbon. The Scottish Rite Hospital is supported by contributions and bequests from generous people in the Lone Star State.

Hamlin Hospital News

Admissions to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital during the past several days were:

Jerry and Jimmy Stuart, December 15, medical.

Mrs. A. Spencer, December 20, medical.

Billy Ray Barnett, December 19, medical.

Van Chapman, December 19, medical.

R. L. Kite, December 20, medical.

Mrs. Roy Carmichael, December 21, medical.

Dismissals from the hospital were:

Mrs. M. Y. Wilson, December 14.

Jerry and Jimmy Stuart, December 19.

Billy Ray Barnett, December 20.

Mrs. A. Spencer, December 21.

Mrs. George Poe and baby, December 21.

When Santa sneaks in, we trust he will leave a sack brimful of all good things for you.

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Hamlin Farmers Cooperative Gin
W. W. Fletcher, Mgr.

Dr. Will C. House, Mrs. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. W. H. Gilbert attended the Christmas pageant at Albany Tuesday evening. Angelo will spend Christmas in Hamlin as guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bristow.

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Joe Stalin can tell the Russians what to think. But if anybody tried that in Texas they'd ship the body back home.

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Can we come in with a gay note to sing out... Best Wishes?

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AQUA STEPPER . . . Down South this is called skiing. The expert shown here is Martha Mitchell, Florida's ski champ. She's stepping out with a new twist as she goes through the motions of a water adagio.

JUST BEFORE Christmas



Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tate May for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McIntosh and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Baker and son of San Angelo, and James Tate May of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dan Jones for the holidays will be Miss Bess Jones, student at Bethany Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma, Dan Jones Jr., student at Texas Tech, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds of Lubbock.

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HAMLIN, TEXAS

1948 BEST WISHES FOR Christmas

Cheerily we add our voice to the many happy ones raised in the wish... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

STYLE CLEANERS

Golden Wedding Anniversary for Sylvester Couple Observed Sunday

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Williams held open house Sunday afternoon at their home in Sylvester to mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Hazel Haley was at the registry. Mrs. Ezell Whitten, Mrs. A. T. Williams, Mrs. Leon Dickerson, and Mrs. Lea Dickerson served coffee and cake to the guests.

A lighted Christmas tree was in the living room, and gifts for the couple were put on the tree.

Those registering were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, Charles Allen Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner, Glenn L. Reynolds, Eva Gene Williams, Mrs. Gladys Williams, Mrs. O. H. Strubling, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson, Lenoir and Lavoie Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Arva Lee Dickerson, Fairis Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Lea Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kaiser, Jim Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCormick, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halbrooks of Roby.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips, Charlene Ross, Wanda Golehon, Frank A. Mathews, all of McMurry. Velta Lawlis, Dan Letha Ware, Eloise Perry and Ruth Ann Farrar of McMurry; Mary Montgomery, Dorothy Smith, Rachel Gackle Watkins of Montana; James Plumlee of Odessa, James Pollard of Vernon; Robert McElvey, Jim McGarty of Odessa; Keith Greathouse Rodgers of New Mexico, Bill Green of Shamrock, New Mexico; T. R. Abbott of Houston; H. Doyle Ragle of Abilene, Ruth Josey, Mrs. Freddie Kaiser of California. Mrs. Fred Hillbrook, Mrs. C. J. Cross, Mrs. Bess Reynolds, Mrs. A. L. Josey, Mrs. J. S. Mauldin, Mrs. Roquemore, A. L. Josey, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Blake, Mrs. Eugene Kaiser, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Talbott, Vera Opal Talbot, Glenn Talbott.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen.

That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.



"MISSOURI" SILVER . . . President Truman attended ceremonies aboard the U.S.S. Missouri at Norfolk, Va., where Gov. Phil D. Bland of Missouri presented a \$10,000 silver service to the majestic battleship. Left to right are Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan, President Truman, Capt. James H. Hatch and Governor Donnelly.

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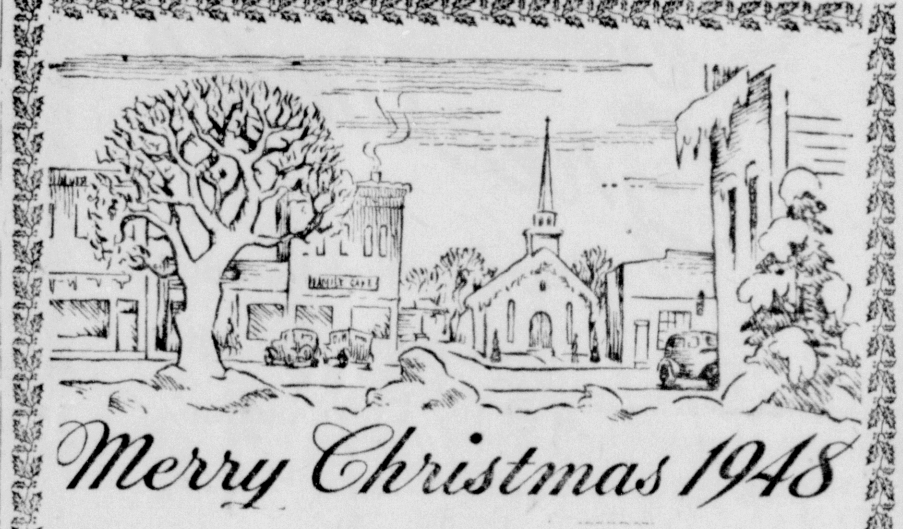
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LEON THURMAN, District Clerk

Merry Christmas 1948

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Good Cheer! Good Friends! Good Health!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

Now, when the glow of hollyberries brightens the windows . . . we extend to you, our friends, sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas.

NEWBERRY'S Grocery & Market

News

W. H. PHILLIPS

Gleaners Class Yule Party Held Thursday

Members of the Gleaners Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Fred B. Moore Jr., Thursday evening for a business session and Christmas social.

Each member brought a toy to be given to children in Buckner's Home. Following a short business session Mrs. H. R. Treadwell, teacher of the class, gave a devotional on "What Christmas Means to Me."

The class presented a box of stationery to Mrs. Treadwell as a token of appreciation for her teaching. Refreshments of pound cake and orange cake, wrapped in Christmas packages, Bohemian tea and salted nuts were served.

Hamlin Teachers Had Social Meet Tuesday

Teachers in the Hamlin School system attended a meeting in the high school cafeteria Tuesday, December 14, when I. R. Huchingson, superintendent, discussed the Gilmer-Aiken bill on education in Texas.

Following the discussion a social was held and refreshments were served.

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends.



Peace on Earth

Greetings to all our friends this Christmas Season.



CARTER'S Variety Store

FATHER IS KILLED

Mrs. Richard Clardy of Hamlin was notified last week of the death of her father, Douglas Gordon, who was killed in an automobile crash near Detroit, Michigan, December 9. Gordon's body was taken to his former home in Columbia, S. C., for burial Sunday, December 12.

Jimmy Crawford Feted On Fourth Birthday

Mrs. Onis Crawford entertained with a party in her home last Saturday afternoon, honoring the third birthday anniversary of her son, Jimmy.

Present for the occasion were: Mary M. Turner, Mary Maberry, Wanda McCoy, Kenny Preston, Stan Walton, Sammy Stubbs, Ruby Dean Hymer and Gene Shelburne.

Birthday Party Given For Jack Bessire

Mrs. J. C. Bessire entertained with a party in her home last Tuesday honoring the 11th birthday anniversary of her son, Jack.

Birthday cake and cold drinks were served for refreshments.

Those present were Mary Debs Rountree, Ronny Parker, Clifford Greene, Herbert Lackey, Anna Mae Slaughter, Mayreene Jenkins, Margaret Joyce Wilson, Billy Ray Kelly, Doyle Johnson, Donald Johnson, Danin G. Carter, Vera Wilson, Loran Gilland, Jackie Wayne Drummond, Billy Wayne Halmark, Bill Maddox, Justin Roland, W. F. Stewart, Billy Wayne Pinnannon, Bobby Norton, Benny Watson, Kay Bessire and Jack Bessire.

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends.

Senior BTU Has Yule Party Saturday Night

Members of the Senior department of the Baptist Training Union of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the basement of the church Saturday evening.

Cocoa, sandwiches and cookies were served.

Those present were: Donna Miller, Tommie Latham, Thee Hill, Dorothy Altum, Aubrey Altum, Barbara Posey, Corene Burke, Alton Kitz, Jimmie Spencer, Mrs. Jack Russell, Wharton Mendenhall and Mrs. A. R. Posey.

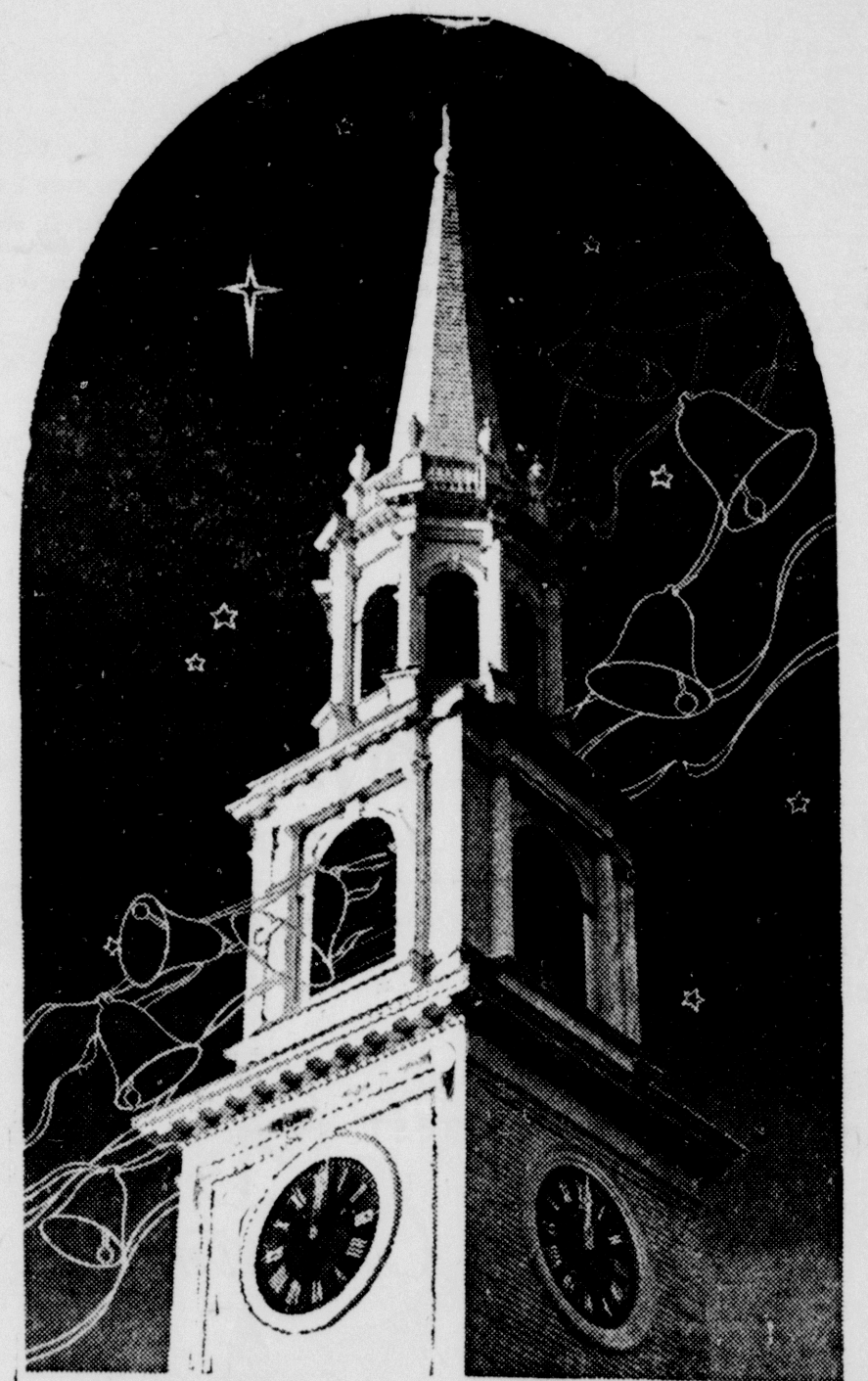
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of the Hamlin Church, the Nazarene were entertained with a Christmas program at the Sunday evening service, according to Rev. Howard Smith, pastor. The program depicted the manger scene at the birth of Christ. Musical numbers were also given during the service.



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Wherever a Church steeple rises to pierce the blue skies of daylight, and commune with the stars of night—there is Peace. And as we enter our Church this Christmas, the full spirit—meaning—and essence of the word shall enter our beings and inspire each of us to fulfill our own small roles in achieving for all time Peace on Earth: Good Will to Men.

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Rev. W. E. Nunn—Rev. L. N. Wood—Rev. Howard Smith
Rev. Alice Harrell



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Merry Christmas

and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Jones Funeral Was Conducted In City Church

Rev. E. L. Redden and Rev. Thurston Healer of Abilene were in charge of funeral rites for Edward Lunsford Carnes, in the Calvary Baptist Church here last Monday.

Carnes died in the Hamlin Memorial Hospital December 12, following illness of several months. He first became ill in July and was confined to his bed for several weeks at that time.

Born in Sulphur Springs, January 19, 1888, Carnes was nearing 60 years of age at his death. He was married to Orlena Lanada Bailey, November 8, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Carnes had lived in and near Hamlin since 1916. He was a member of the Hamlin Baptist Church.

Survivors are his widow, a sister, Mrs. Pearl Massey of Amarillo; seven children, Alton Carnes of Rotan, Avery Carnes of Brownfield, Mrs. Barline Griffin of Kermit, Earnest Carnes of Ozona, Mrs. Anne McCoy of Hamlin, and Robert and Edward Carnes of El Paso. All of his children were present before their father died.

Burial was in the East Cemetery directed by the Barrow Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones and son of San Diego, California, are visiting with Mrs. Jones, parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Edgar Boaz of Anson were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Culbertson last week.

Intermediate GA Met In Church Monday

Members of the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church met in the church building last Monday afternoon for their weekly program.

A book report was given on the life of Lottie Moon by Eleanor Huchingson. The report covered the entire life of Lottie Moon, missionary to China.

Those present were Adele Altum, Dorothy Altum, Eddie Decker, Cora Burke, Bennie Atkins, Eleanor Huchingson, Jere Lynn Irwin, Tommy Lowe, Gwendolyn Norris, Barbara Posey, Kathryn Pitcher, Mary Lee Roland, Donna Miller, Glyndia Hallmark and Mrs. John Walton, sponsor.

Christmas Party for Church Classes Held

The annual Yuletide gift exchange party for members of the primary and junior classes of the Clavary Baptist Church was held Monday night in the home of Mrs. Don Branscum.

Games were played and refreshments served to Virgil Ellison, Don King, Don and Jackie Drummond, Jerry and Jamie Hodges, Albert Butler, Anna Mae Slaughter, Patricia

Dan Branscum, Mary Lou Ellison, Martha Bunley, Laura Turner, Inez Wells, Margorie Grimes, Betty Best, Ana Mae Collins, Lloyd Neal Branscum, Mrs. G. W. Drummond and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Branscum.

Mrs. Lancaster Gives Party for Daughter

Mrs. Claude Lancaster was hostess in her home Saturday afternoon at a party honoring the sixth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Lana Claude.

Outdoor games were played, fol-

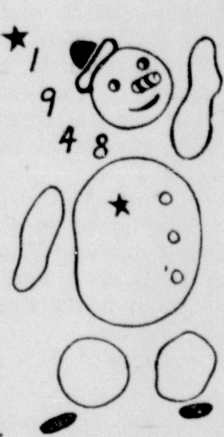
lowing which the guests were invited into the dining room where the birthday cake was served with soda pop and candy.

Those present were: Marjorie Maddox, Arthur Lorenz, Jerry Duncan, Young Bill Maddox, Pam Robertson, David Bernshausen, Rebecca Ann Ferguson, Dottie Albritton, Amy Eysen, Patricia Ann Bingham, Bunny Patterson, Brenda Gould, Gloria Gould, Margaret Cooper and the honoree.

J. W. Duncan of Guymon, Oklahoma, is visiting his son Edgar Duncan for the holidays.



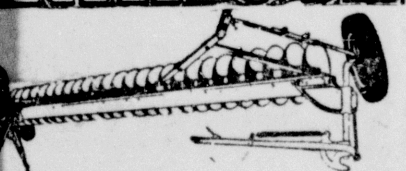
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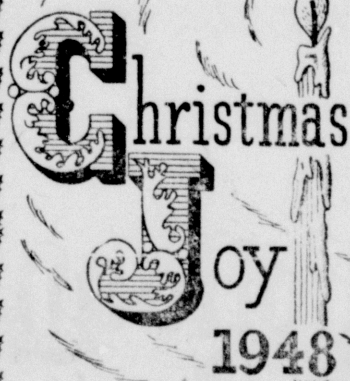
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!



BILL DUNWOODY, Sheriff of Jones County

MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this season of the year we join with people in all parts of the world in echoing that age-old sentiment that is ever new and ever appealing—MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Jones County Commissioners Court

ROGER GARRETT, County Judge

ROY BROWN, Pct. No. 1

J. C. MASSEY, Pct. No. 2

ARDEN BEASLEY, Pct. No. 3 ODELL RAINWATER Pct. No. 4

Merry Christmas

May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—
'Peace on Earth
Good Will Toward Men.'

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CROW BROS. Grocery & Market

Season's Greetings

★ The tree, emblazoned with bright lights and shiny tinsel, is the age-old symbol of the Yuletide season.

★ May your gift from the Yule tree be a year of true peace and happiness.

1948

McCaulley News

By PAULINE SMART

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galloway Jr. from Ralls visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galloway and son, Joe, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and Miss Gertrude Mason were visitors in San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. Luther Rector and son, Pat, visited in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander recently moved to Hobbs, after purchasing a laundry there.

A birthday dinner was given for W. S. Peacock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harris Sunday. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galloway Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Peacock.

The senior class members were entertained Monday night with a Christmas dinner party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith and daughter, Janice. Gifts were brought individually and names put on them as they arrived.

School will turn out for the Christmas holidays Thursday and will start again January 3, 1949.

The Baptist Church of McCaulley

elected Rev. R. L. Stuckey to be their next pastor. He will move here immediately after the holidays. The former pastor, Rev. C. E. Dick, retired.

A number of parents visited in the school lunchroom last week upon the invitation of S. L. Smith. The lunchroom has a very gay atmosphere, decorated with Christmas trimmings and with a tree in the center.

Dorcus Class Yule Party was Thursday

Annual Christmas party for members of the Dorcus Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church was given at 2:30 last Thursday afternoon, when a special Christmas program was given.

The class room was decorated with a lighted tree as the center of attractions.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken, and \$15.50 was contributed. Gifts were then made for the purpose of providing Christmas for needy families. Refreshments of fruit pies, whipped cream and coffee were served. The class then sent pies to several shut-ins.

The class is composed of elderly women of the First Baptist Church.

Washington, D. C. is on the banks of the Potomac River.



By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. On-ly-y two dollars. . ."

He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

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and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree. . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumpled dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear," she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . ." Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear—oh, I hope it never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears. "I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny, DENNY!" ran out

on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—!" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again. "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-ly-y two dollars. . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind. "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All'a week I've had your tree," he said.

"Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

Gypsies came originally from India, not Egypt.



TOO GAY? . . . Princess Margaret Rose, shown dancing with an unnamed escort, has drawn criticism from a section of the British press because of the late hours she has been keeping in the course of her social whirl.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey of Hamlin, for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Mart Bailey and family of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodstock and son, Don, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Don McCune of Hap'y, and Ray Bailey of Mc Murry College.

Miss Martha Burleson of San Angelo is spending Christmas holidays with her father, S. R. Burleson of Hamlin.

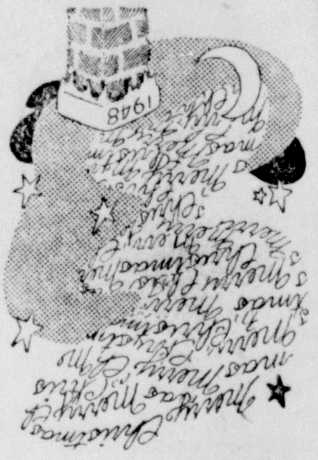
London's main river is te Thames.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl of three old. I want a little football a doll. Please remember by brother, he wants a big football, some boxing gloves, also a football.

Your Friends,
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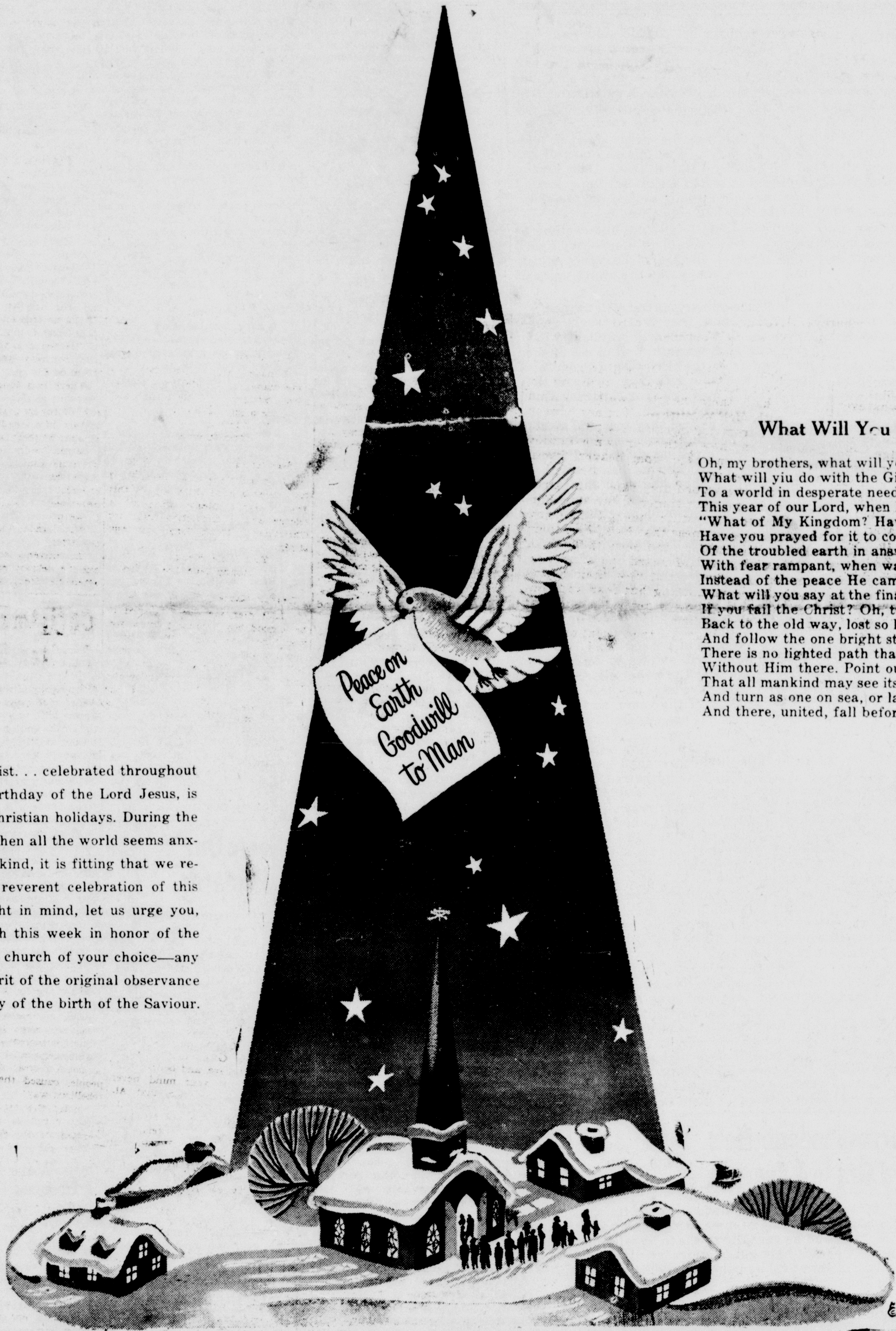
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What Will You Do With Christ?

Oh, my brothers, what will you do with Christ?
What will you do with the Gift God gave, unpriced,
To a world in desperate need? What will you do
This year of our Lord, when He turns and questions you,
"What of My Kingdom? Have you labored well?
Have you prayed for it to come? What can you tell
Of the troubled earth in answer to Him today,
With fear rampant, when war seems on its way,
Instead of the peace He came to earth to bring?
What will you say at the final reckoning
If you fail the Christ? Oh, turn today and go
Back to the old way, lost so long ago,
And follow the one bright star to His manger bed.
There is no lighted path that lies ahead
Without Him there. Point out that high white star
That all mankind may see its light afar,
And turn as one on sea, or lane, or street,
And there, united, fall before His feet.
—Grace Noll Crowell

Christmas... the feast of Christ... celebrated throughout the Christian world as the birthday of the Lord Jesus, is truly one of the greatest of Christian holidays. During the times in which we now live, when all the world seems anxious to spill the blood of mankind, it is fitting that we return to a sober, solemn and reverent celebration of this great event. With this thought in mind, let us urge you, each of you, to attend church this week in honor of the birthday of Jesus. Attend the church of your choice—any church—but attend in the spirit of the original observance of Christmas—the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour.

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The Hamlin Herald, designated by Santa Claus as the official opener of his mail in this community, has received letters from boys and girls who have detailed their wants to the venerable saint. Following are the letters received:

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a Di-Dee Doll, some dishes, candy and a baton. Remember my little brother who is nine months old.
Love,
Rebecca Ann Ferguson

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl seven years old. I have been a good little girl. I would like to have a pretty doll and a set of dishes. I am in the first grade.
Love,
Patricia Ann Bigham

Dear Santa Claus:
For being a good little girl this year, would you please bring me a rubber doll, doll buggy, doll clothes and a baton. Don't forget my sister, Janice, and all the other little boys and girls. Please fill our stockings with nuts, candy and fruit.
Thanking you,
DeNetta Jean McCracken

Dearest Santa:
I have tried to be a good girl all year even though it was hard to do at times. Please bring me a doll buggy, table and chairs and anything else you think I would like. Remember all the other boys and girls.
I love you,
Ruby Hymer

Dear Santa:
Will you please bring me a red tractor and my little cousin, Danny, a red car. I also have a little sister, a doll for her will do I guess. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Thanks a lot,
Dennis Brown

P. S.—Mommmy keeps cookies in the cookie jar—help yourself.

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a bicycle.
Margaret Allison.

Dear Santa:
Do you remember me? I am a little boy almost six years old. Will be six years old next week. I live on a farm near Hamlin, and my name is Larry Johnson. I have many toys, but would like to have a few other things, if you can bring them to me. And if you can't bring me all the things I want, that will be all right. Just bring me what you can. Here are some of the things I would like very much: a Roy Rogers cowboy suit, two Pony Boy guns and holsters, a little camera and some film, a set of horse-shoes to pitch, a basket ball for little boys and girls. Thank you for whatever you bring me; and thanks for the things you have been bringing me every Christmas.
Your little friend,
Larry Johnson

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy. I have made good grades in school so please bring me a little bicycle and bring me a pair of boots.
Your friend,
Don Rimmer

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy two years old. I have been a good little boy all this year. Santa, please bring me a tricycle and a choo-choo train for Christmas. Don't forget my two sisters.
Your little friend,
Ronny Dale Lee

Dearest Santa:
Like everyone else I've tried to be a good boy because I knew you would be here soon. Please bring me a tractor, two guns, a horse, a bell for my tricycle and lots of candy and nuts. Remember everyone else too.
Love,
Walton L. Stahl

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy two and one-half years old. I would like for you to bring me a baby mule, a football and lots of apples and nuts and good things to eat. And don't forget my sister, Jo. Bye, I'll see you Christmas.
Autry Don Andress

Trust in God Needed to Solve Our Problems, Noted Writer Declares

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Is there any special skill available for the solution of difficult situations? Is it possible for a human being to discover some rule or some method by which he or she may gain an understanding, an insight and adeptness in meeting the difficulties of life? Or, is it necessary to depend upon fate, or luck, or a fortuitous combination of circumstances? Is it necessary merely to hope for the best, do the best one can, and muddle through?

Not long ago I put these questions to a man who informs me that he predicated his whole life upon only that which works. He asserted that over a period of years he has definitely resisted any idea that doesn't meet the practical test—will it work? He said he had discovered that Christianity works in human problems with mathematical accuracy and certainty. He declared that if you do certain simple things, regardless of the situation, or how difficult it may be, you can meet it with efficiency and skill.

When I asked him to outline his methods, I was astonished by his reply. He is a graduate of two colleges and a technical school. He has sat under some of the greatest professional brains in the United States, but he maintains that the greatest piece of wisdom that ever came his way was given to him years ago by a simple man who taught him in Sunday School. This teacher said that every morning and every night he talked over his problems with God and thanked Him for the wise solutions He had given him.

So profoundly did my friend respect this simple-minded man, that he adopted this principle and over a long lifetime has discovered it is true that there is a skill available for meeting difficult situations. He said this skill is stated in the text, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." We pursued this theme together and this article, for what it is worth, is

a combination of this man's thinking and my own.

On the basis of that text, he said there are at least two or three procedures which develop skill in meeting difficult situations. First, the answer is in God. All answers, basically, are in God. But the technique is to believe, and believe it so thoroughly that your mind never wavers in its conviction that Almighty God is greater than any situation. When we are faced by a difficult situation, the tendency is to see only the normity of that situation. Or, it is only to see the bewilderment of the problem. Always when facing difficult situations, practice saying to yourself, "Almighty God is bigger than this situation—Almighty God is wiser than this problem." Say it in the ancient and positive words of the text, "God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble." Emphasize to your own mind that God is a lively, alert, resourceful friend, in every situation.

Undoubtedly, many who read this article are facing difficult situations. I can hear these people say, "I know you mean what you write, and it may be true that God is greater than my problem but that doesn't solve it for me." The reason it doesn't solve it is because you have conditioned your mind to believe that your problem is so tremendous that there is no solution. If it were my pleasure to talk with you personally, you probably would say, "Theoretically, you are right, but practically, you are wrong. If you did not say this to me out loud, you would be saying it to me subconsciously. My reply would be that from this moment, change your thinking by asserting, and having the utmost confidence in the assertion, "God is greater than my problem."

IN ROBY HOSPITAL.

Mrs. G. W. Whitaker of Sylvester has been discharged from the Fisher County Hospital after receiving medical attention.

A DESCRIPTION OF JESUS. . .

Published From a Letter Written To Caesar by Publius Lentulus

While all of the Christian world is preparing to celebrate the advent of Jesus Christ upon earth, many people wonder about the appearance of this one whose personality and teachings have changed all history and directed the courses of millions of lives.

The following is a copy of a letter written during the lifetime of Jesus by Publius Lentulus, predecessor of Pontius Pilate as governor of Judea. The letter was to Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome. While the authenticity of the letter cannot be vouched for, yet it is of extreme interest to those who are students of the Master.

The letter follows:

"A man of noble stature and of very beautiful countenance, in which such majesty resides that those who look on him are forced to admire him.

"His hair is of the color of a fully ripe chestnut and from his ear down to his shoulders it is of the color of the earth, but shining. It is parted in the middle of his forehead, after the manner of the Nazarenes.

"His forehead is smooth and very serene, his face free from wrinkle and spot, and with a slight color.

"The nostrils and lips cannot reasonably be found fault with.

"The beard is thick, and like the hair, not very long, and divided in the middle.

"There is a look of terror in his grave eyes. The eyes are like the rays of the sun, and it is impossible to look him steadily in the face on account of their brilliancy.

"When he reproves, he terrifies; when he admonishes, he weeps. He makes himself loved, and is gravely cheerful. It is said that he was never seen to laugh, but he was seen to weep.

"His hands and arms are very beautiful.

"In conversation he is charming, but he seldom engages in it, and when he does converse he is very

modest of countenance. "In presence he is the most beautiful man that could be seen or imagined; just like his mother, who is the most beautiful young person that was ever beheld in these parts.

"In learning he is an object of wonder to the entire city of Jerusalem. He never studied at all, and yet he knows all sciences.

"He wears sandals, and goes bare-headed. Many laugh at seeing him; but in his presence, and when speaking to him, they fear and tremble.

"It is said that such a man was never seen or heard in these parts. In truth, as the Hebrews tell me, there never were hard such advices, such sublime doctrine as this Christ teaches; and many of the Jews hold him for divine, and they believe in him, while many others accuse him me as being contrary to thy majesty.

"It is acknowledged that he has never done harm to any one, but good. All that know him and have had dealings with him, say that they have received from him benefits and health."

Our Christmas Date Started By Romans

The first celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 took place in the fourth century. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's Nativity and Baptism was held on January 6.

The first mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian Calendar" in the year 354, and the first time the festival was celebrated in Britain was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In the year 567 the Council of Tours declared a 12-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 991-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and in Norway in the year 150.

Christmas Forced Underground by Puritan Edict Issued in 1644

There was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, breaking of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Cryer of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to

the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." The Judge was called Judge Hate, and the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace.

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bate, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

Birthday of Jesus An Uncertain Date

It is not surprising that the day and year of the birth of Jesus are uncertain, for methods of keeping track of dates during the era when Christ was born were not very reliable. For years, eminent scholars have been searching the scriptures and all possible records, to try to establish an exact date. So far, they have not succeeded.

Matthew states that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod which helps to establish the period of His birth and this is the starting point from which the scholars attempt to reckon the year.

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gave a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed 400 years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and years for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Youths May Win \$345 in Prizes On State History

A first prize of \$100 will be awarded the winner of the 1948-1949 Junior Historian Contest sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. Twelve papers will receive awards totaling \$345.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Suggested for topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under 21 years of age may become eligible for competition," H. Bailey Carroll said. Carroll is editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1949, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to The Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Herald Acquires New Correspondent; He's Well Educated -- in Third Grade 4 Years

scuddyhoo, texas
desimbar 22, 1948
hamlin harold
hamlin tecksas
deer sir:

sents it is jest about chrisumus in this naborhood and i am shore in nead of sum cash to use fer buyin presence i thawt i wood talk my pin in hand and drop you a few lines. you sea i am a jernalist and wood like to get a good job on sum paiper. you don't nead nobuddy to rite nuthin fer you do yu? and if you did i wouldn't do wood i?

ennyway i gess i had bettir tell you sumphan about me and my fambly. i am a yung man foret can yeers of age and am kinda big fer my size. i haiv a pritty good educashun becaus i haiv bin in the therd grad fer the past fore years. i gess the teechirs like me so much thay hait to sea me leevie don't you?

my paw, who is noed in this naborhood as malakia odle, is a farmir and razes sum stock. we haiv got a cuppel of cows and a horse. we haiv also got a hawg with one white ear named porgy. besides there is maw who is paw's wife. she is shore a swell muthir but paw don't seam to thank she is so hot as a wife sumtimes. ennyway aftir thay haiv had one of ther

argymints he always runs outta the hoves kinda fast so maw can't catch up with him and he genrally tawks to hisself about why fules haiv got to git married. uncle belshazzir, him bein a reepublickan, lives with us to.

unkle bel is paw's bruthir and he shore is afriad of snakes. ennyway he keeps a bottol of stuff that he sed wuz rood fer snaik bites. he tawks the snaik medisn pritty oftin. he sed he can always feaf a snaik bite a cummin on and don't want to talk no chancis.

there is anuthir caracktir that is almost like a membir of our fambly. his naim is sweebie and he is my frend. at leest i thawt he wuz until i lernt that he aint gonna by me nuthin fer christmas and i haiv broak off dispoomatick relashuns with him.

now if you thank i wood be wurth sumphan to rite news for yore paiper—and goodniss noes you shore nead sum—thin i will be glad to rite you ever weak.

i wint to church sunday and the prechir sed there's a lot of peepil in this naborhood full of the devvil.

hoapin you are the saan,
yores troolie,
yore frend,
pete odle

Christmas in Many Lands Holds Tradition

Below are a series of seven ways the people of many lands honor the Christmas season each year.

Christmas in America.
Christmas in America means many things to many people. To some it means going to church at midnight on Christmas eve. It means family reunions, visits with friends, cards and messages from those not heard from for many months and often years. It means an abundance of food on some tables meagre fare or perhaps a few little extra delicacies on others. To some who are friendless and homeless, it means just another day.

Yule Log of England.
In England, religious services are predominant during the Christmas celebrations. Processions of carolers gather at the doors of the great cathedrals at midnight to sing the traditional Christmas hymns. Christmas mummers enact plays traditional for many hundreds of years. And each Christmas eve, the yule log is brought in and placed in the fireplace. And custom has it that each person in the family must sit on the log and salute it before it is lighted, assuring good luck to the household for the new year.

Pinata in Mexico.
In Mexico, street vendors display hand-carved religious figures and tapestries of religious design. Shepherds dress in grotesque costumes and go dancing and singing much as carolers do in the United States. For the children there is the game of "pinata" which is a huge earthen bowl hung from the ceiling and containing fruit and candy and sometimes gifts.

Each child is blindfolded and allowed to hit at the pinata with a big stick. When it is finally broken, the children scramble for the gifts and fruit and candy.

Christmas in Czechoslovakia.
To the people of Czechoslovakia, Christmas means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. Much visiting of friends and foes is done so that misunderstandings may be cleared and enmities forgiven. A legend that still persists is the belief that St. Nicholas descends from a golden cord led by an angel.

Christmas in Holland.
Christmas in Holland means the hanging of wooden shoes and stockings with hay and carrots for St. Nicholas and his white horse. These are placed by the window on Christmas eve, along with bowls of water. In the morning, these offerings to Santa have been replaced with gifts.

After church on Christmas morning, groups of men parade in grotesque costumes, singing from house to house.

Christmas in Germany.
In the Germany of more peaceful times, the great moment was decoration of the Tannebaum, or the Christmas tree. This is done with great secrecy to be lighted only on Christmas eve. Toys made in intricate detail are the pride of young and old alike, and often are exact miniature reproductions of mechanical equipment familiar to various sections of the country.

Russia and "Sleepy Hen".
Many Russian traditions have been lost and forgotten in recent years but those remaining still include the family reunions and happy moments for the children. At midnight a sleeping hen is taken from the roost and brought into the kitchen. On the floor are five piles of grain representing Wealth, Poverty, Death, Marriage and a Life of "single Blessedness. Sleepily, the hen moves from one pile of grain to the other, depicting, by her selection, the fate of the family or individuals. On Christmas eve a pie of wood known as the badnyak is

Yule Party Is Given For Members of WSCS

Members of the Womens Service of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. C. Culbertson last Monday.

The rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors with emphasis on a beautifully lighted Christmas tree. Mrs. Buren Carlton was program leader. Theme of the program was "They Offered Him Gifts." Assisting on the program were Mrs. A. A. Hackley, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. C. P. Yates, Mrs. N. A. Johnston and Miss Ella Temple. Mrs. Buren Carlton told the story of "The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke. At conclusion of the program gifts were exchanged.

A salad plate, sandwiches, paradise rolls and coffee were served to Mrs. V. V. Anderson, Mrs. Ed Bailey, Mrs. C. P. Yates, Mrs. N. A. Johnston, Mrs. L. H. McBride, Mrs. A. A. Hackley, Mrs. D. A. Sauls, Mrs. A. B. Car-

FAIR BUILDING BOUGHT.
The Fisher County Fair Association has purchased the former Roby Community Center building, and will move it to the fair grounds southwest of the Roby school building. The structure will be used to house 4-H shows, dairy shows and other community ventures.

CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD.
B. M. Brundage, assistant district manager of the West Texas Utility Company, and manager of the Hamlin office, was presented a service pen for 20 years service with the company at a Christmas party held last Monday night at the Stamford Country Club.

ton, Mrs. T. T. Brady, Mrs. M. P. Hudson, Mrs. W. L. Hunter, Mrs. Martha P. Mills, Mrs. W. J. Poe, Miss Ella Temple, Mrs. M. T. Via and Mrs. Culbertson.



Merry Christmas
1948

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happiness—that is our wish
for you and yours this
joyous Yuletide season.

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Hearty greetings, and a sincere wish
for your happiness on Christmas Day.

HAMLIN V. F. W. POST No. 6014





"I WAS A GOOD GIRL ALL YEAR" . . . It looks as though Santa believes her, too. Right now Santa is busy with millions of interviews like this, but he's expected to stay on schedule and arrive here December 25.

Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

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Each Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.

OFFICE SUPPLIES at The Herald.

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

- Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
- Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
- Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
- Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
- Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
- Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
- Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

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By PATRICIA SINCLAIR

AVIS stood inside the spacious hall of the Carron home with her small overnight bag at her feet and greeted the slim girl approaching her. "Merry Christmas, Barbara! Oh-h, it's snowing beautifully outside!" She looked down at the snow on the toes of her small white boots. "I hate to track it in," she said.

"Don't worry about that. I'm so happy you came," Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.

"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared



Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's.

about huge logs in an immense

fireplace in the room beyond. "I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"

"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much," Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.

As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the week-end and a Christmas party. "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.

Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the new blonde who came to town."

Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation. "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"

But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.

As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.

Her eyes flared, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join

Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.

Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.

He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.

Avis moved down the stairs. "But I didn't know you knew Barbara—" Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"

"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.

"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a

terrible time tracking you down, until I thought of Barbara."

"Barbara never said a word," Avis said, still amazed.

Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs. I suspected then, of course."

Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed "as they lifted to meet Steve's. "Christmas gift indeed!" she said.

The keeping of Christmas or saint's days, and the making of mince pies were illegal in the early Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The strict religion of the Puritans banned observance of holy days.

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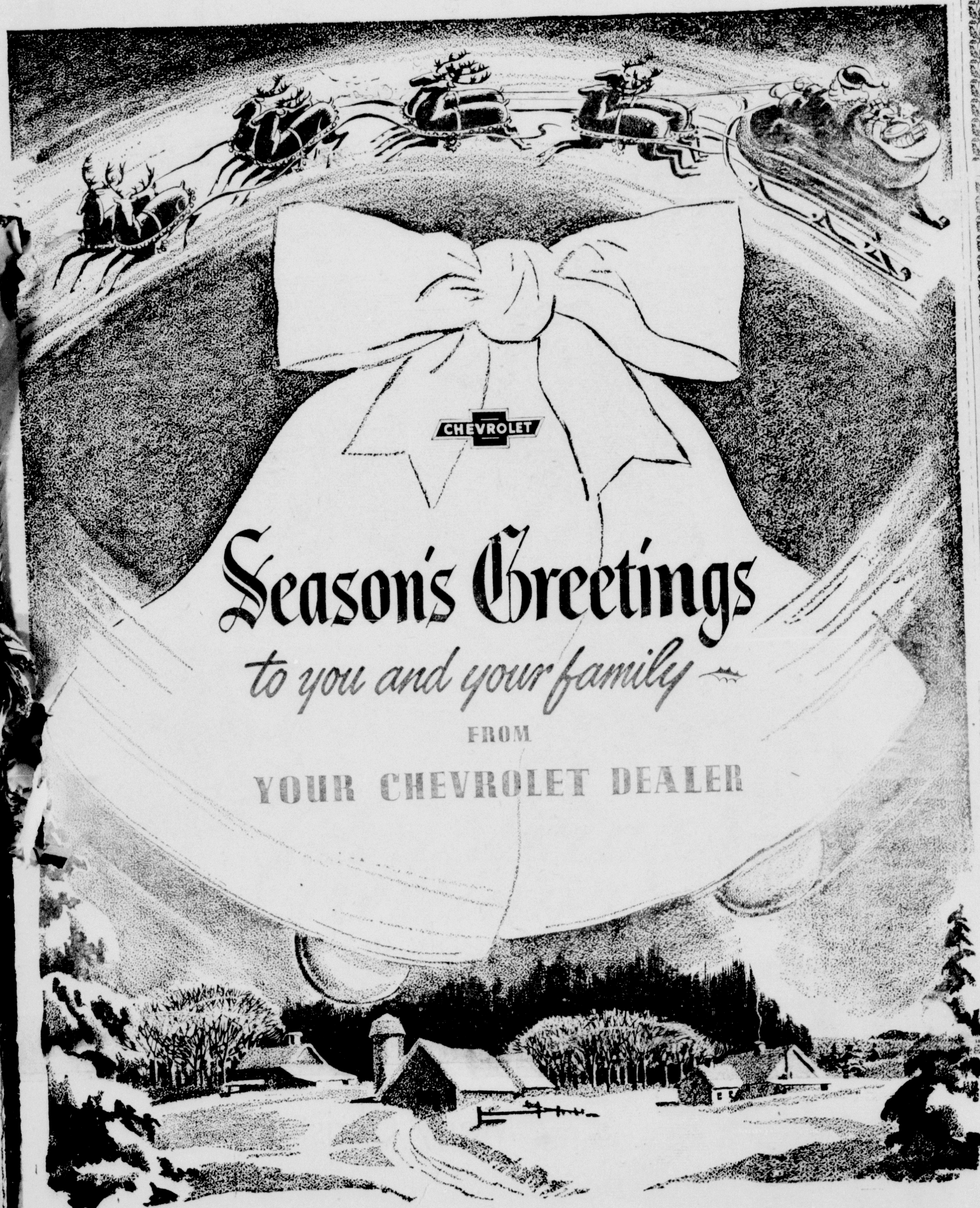


As the wonderful, star-crowned story of Christmas moves once more through our lives, there is no one of us who is not conscious of the inexpressible divinity of the season. It is a time to be generous, a time for deep happiness, a time for neighborliness and good will towards all.

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President Urges Public Support For Seal Drive

Citing tuberculosis as a grave health problem throughout the world, President Harry S. Truman declared this week that the American people are in a strategic position to speed the day when its disease can be eradicated.

In a message to the National Tuberculosis Association, President Truman said the American people, through their official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the NTA, can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis and urged the use of Christmas Seals to support the work of the voluntary associations.

The sale of Christmas Seals is being conducted now throughout the country and will continue until Christmas to raise funds for the tuberculosis control work of the NTA and its affiliates.

The President's complete statement follows:

"When the World Health Assembly, meeting in Geneva last summer, adopted the program for the first year's operation of the World Health Organization on a permanent basis, tuberculosis headed the list of health problems.

"The emphasis thus placed on tuberculosis is a forceful reminder of what a serious menace this infectious disease is throughout the world. Even here in the United States, where the tuberculosis death

Miss Scarborough Is Feted on Birthday

Phyllis Scarborough was honored with a party on the occasion of her third birthday anniversary, when her mother, Mrs. John Scarborough, was hostess.

Bubble gum and suckers were favors, and refreshments were served to the following: Peggy Watson, Jackie Gregory, Tommy Brown, Janice Ueckert, Oran Weaver Jr., Clyde Wilson Hodnett, George Wayland Scott, Patricia Roberts, Sue Hodnett, Ray Hodnett, Laguna Weaver, Reta Maynard, Dennis and Carlie Brown, Cheryl Brown.

Mrs. Nobel Watson, Mrs. Earl Gregory, Mrs. Rod Brown, Mrs. E. W. Ueckert, Mrs. Oran Weaver, Mrs. Audrey Hodnett, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. A. C. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. Hodnett, Mrs. Wayne Hodnett, Mrs. Irvy Weaver, Mrs. W. L. Maynard, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. John Brown Jr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregory.

rate is declining, I am informed that nearly 50,000 people died of tuberculosis last year.

"The American people are in a strategic position to help speed the day when tuberculosis will be eradicated. Through our established organizations—our official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association—we can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis.

"Between now and Christmas we have an opportunity again to demonstrate our support of the tuberculosis control work of the voluntary associations by the use of Christmas Seals."

Kings Daughters Had Party December 9

Members of the Kings Daughters Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the church building last Thursday evening.

The rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors by a committee composed of Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Carl Murrell, and Mrs. Eleanor Temple.

Mrs. Mart Farrow, Mrs. Arch Hackley and Mrs. Buren Carlton were members of the entertainment committee for the occasion.

Mrs. Murrell, dressed as Mrs. Christmas, helped entertain the guests, and Mrs. Carlton, dressed as Santa Claus, gave gifts to those present. Mrs. Farrow, teacher, received a set of blue, crystal glassware and a set of crystal water glasses was given to Mrs. Carlton, assistant teacher.

McMurry Students Gave Play Sunday

A group of eight students from McMurry College, Abilene, presented a one-act religious drama in the Sylvester High School auditorium Sunday evening. The play, "Release," was based on the release of Barabbas after Jesus had been condemned to death.

Another group from McMurry had charge of the morning worship service in the Sylvester Methodist Church. The program given was titled "The Meaning of Christmas for Our Day."

Ruth Class Party Was Event of Thursday

Mrs. Clyde Angel and Mrs. Cecil Sellers were hostesses to members of the Ruth Class of the First Baptist Sunday school in the Angel home last Thursday night.

The living room was attractively decorated in the Christmas motif.

Mrs. Jack Russell had charge of a brief business session. Many gifts of food and clothing were brought to be given to families chosen by the members.

An inspirational talk, "A True Christmas," was given by Mrs. Tate

May. The class presented a box of imported, handmade handkerchiefs to Mrs. Angel, and each member of the class was given an engraved bookmark by Mrs. Angel.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Lee Current, Mrs. John Howard Jr., Mrs. Bee Current, Mrs. Ned Moore, Mrs. J. W. Ezell, Mrs. Garland Preston, Mrs. Jack Russell, Mrs. Gene Eaton, Mrs. Tate May, Mrs. Joe League, Mrs. Lovel Stell, Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Angel.

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Garden Club Members Are Given Yule Party

Members of the Hamlin Garden Club were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. C. Culbertson last Friday afternoon. A lovely seated tea was served by the social committee. Reception rooms were decorated in traditional

holiday colors.

Mrs. A. Y. Hackley, leader of the program, discussed decorations for indoors. She was assisted by Mrs. H. O. Cassle, who gave a discussion on out doors decorations.

Guests exchanged gift plants at the close of the program. Roll call was answered by giving a favorite poem or carol.



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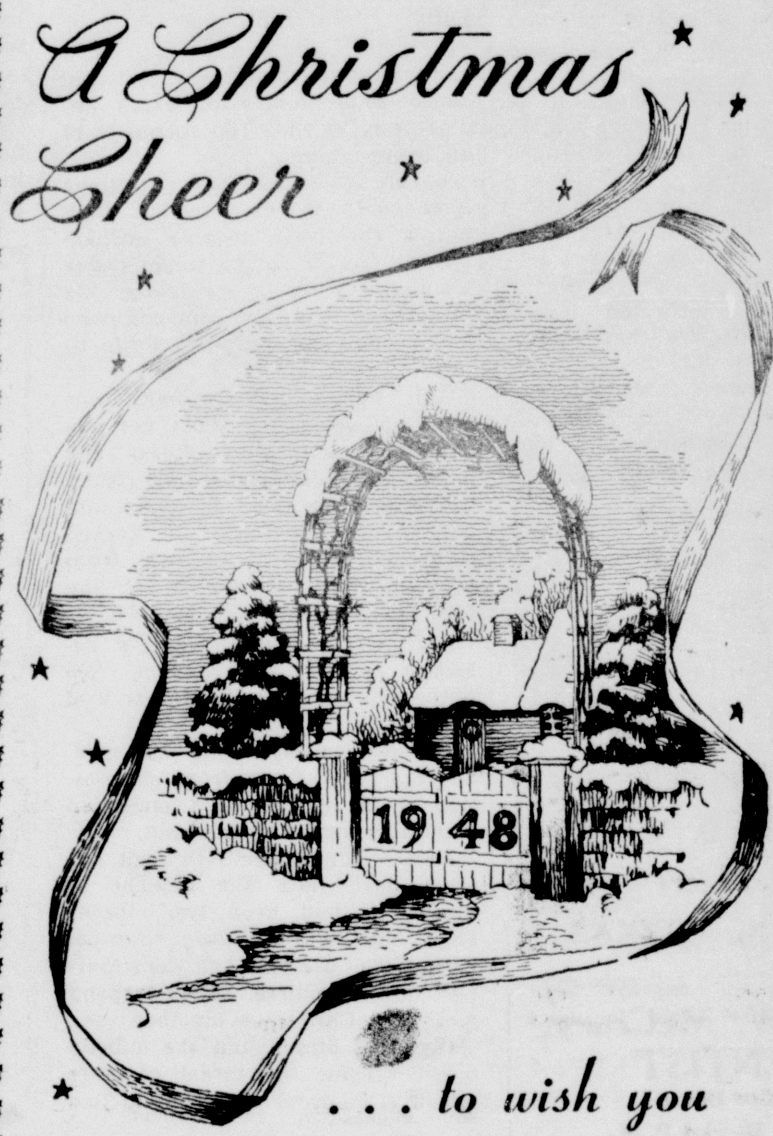
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Mary Martha Class Had Party Thursday

Members of the Mary Martha class of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. B. V. Newberry last Thursday evening. Co-hostess was Mrs. Bobbie Russell. Mrs. Pauline King, president, had charge of a brief business session. Members brought food to be delivered to needy families in the Hamlin vicinity Christmas. Mrs. A. R. Posey gave an inspirational talk on the Christmas Story. Plates, consisting of sandwiches, Christmas salad, fruit cake and coffee were served. Those present were Mrs. Dorothy Wall, Mrs. Pauline King, Mrs. Earl Decker, Mrs. Thelma Maddox, Mrs. Toad Brown, Mrs. Eileen Stung, Mrs. Mabel Duncan, Mrs. Latina Crawford, Mrs. Fay Irwin, Mrs. Lois Peterson, Mrs. Newberry, Mrs. Vel Gardner, and a guest, Mrs. Posey.

Friendly Circle HD Club Is Given Party

Mrs. Jimmy Mayfield was hostess in her home last Friday evening to members of the Friendly Circle Home Demonstration Club, when the annual Christmas party was given.

Gifts were presented to each member present. Dinner was served to the following:

Mrs. C. D. Bingham, Mrs. Cliff Tarver, Mrs. A. B. Rainwater, Mrs. A. D. Agnew, Mrs. Warren Agnew, Mrs. A. D. Crowley, Mrs. W. L. Alford, Mrs. Sam Brooks, Mrs. Alvin Dean, Mrs. Tompsy Young, Miss Loretta Allen, Mrs. W. H. Brady, and the hostess, Mrs. Mayfield.

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Sgt. Joiner Is Given Discharge from Army

Staff Sergeant Lawrence A. Joiner, a former resident of Hamlin, has been given an honorable discharge from service. He was later attached to the tirways and air communications service and had spent 17 months on duty in Alaska.

The discharge was given Joiner at Barksdale Air Force Base Shreveport, Louisiana, where he was serving as an aircraft control tower operator.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

The board of directors of the Celotex Corporation, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on common stock and 25 cents a share on preferred stock last week. Both dividends will be payable January 1.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of the Hamlin Church of the Nazarene were entertained with a Christmas program at the evening service last Sunday, according to Rev. Howard Smith, pastor. The program depicted the manger scene at the birth of Christ. Musical numbers were also given during the service.

TAKES SCOUT COURSE.

H. E. "Jake" Lawson, Hamlin Scoutmaster, attended a special training course in scouting in Stamford last week and this week. The course will close Monday evening, with a session on outdoor cooking and scout skills at Camp Tonkawa.

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Christmas Greetings

Secret Gifts Left By St. Nicholas

The story of how St. Nicholas became associated with secret gift-giving, and even today comes covertly at night to leave his presents, is one of the most important in the history of his life.

Once upon a time there was a man with three daughters, all of them wishing to marry, but with no dowry forthcoming. Sorry, indeed, was their plight. Their father had about decided to sell them as slaves, but the good St. Nicholas heard of it, and filling a purse with gold, went quietly by night to their home. Seeing a window open, he threw in the bag of gold and then stole away in the night. This money enabled the eldest daughter to marry. A second and a third time St. Nicholas made the trip and finally all three daughters were married.

After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferani—revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferani play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.

England has two towns with Christmas names. Christmas Pie is a small village near Guildford, Surrey, where Christmas Common is near Oxford and Henley.

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Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

Thomas Nast, the famous cartoonist who created our conception of Uncle Sam, the Republican elephant and the Democratic donkey, is also credited with giving America its first modern pictorialization of Santa Claus.

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Candies

Honey Comb Candy Chips	1-Lb. Pkg.	53¢
Peanut Clusters	1-Lb. Pkg.	57¢
Orange Slices	1-Lb. Pkg.	29¢
Chocolate Drops	1-Lb. Pkg.	35¢
Satin Mix Hard Variety	1-Lb. Pkg.	25¢
Chocolates Sunshine Assorted	1-Lb. Box	59¢
Jelly Beans Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	33¢

Desserts

Peaches Gusto Crest Sliced or Halves	No. 2 1/2 Can	32¢
Pears Harper House Bartlett Halves	No. 2 Can	45¢
Cocktail Libby's Fruit	No. 2 1/2 Can	45¢
Jell-O Desserts	2 Reg. Pkgs.	15¢
Jell-Well Desserts	3 Reg. Pkgs.	19¢

Sauce Ocean Spray Cranberry	16-Oz. Can	17¢
Mince Meat Little Cook	9-Oz. Pkg.	14¢
Olives Ebony Medium Size, Ripe	9-Oz. Can	25¢
Fruit Cake Plenty Nuts and Fruits, Full Ring	3 1/4-Lb. Cake	\$1.09
Soup Campbell's Tomato Soup	2 No. 1 Cans	21¢
Cherub Milk	3 Tall Cans	39¢
Coffee Airway Fresh Roasted	1-Lb. Pkg.	40¢

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Ginger Ale Snowy Peak (Plus Deposit)	2 1/2-Oz. Soft.	23¢
Tom Collins Sky Room (Plus Deposit)	2 1/2-Oz. Soft.	23¢
Coffee Edwards Top Quality	1-Lb. Can	47¢
Coffee Maxwell House	1-Lb. Can	40¢

Side Dishes

Asparagus Sunny Sides All Green	No. 2 Can	43¢
Green Beans Libby's Fancy Whole	No. 2 Can	39¢
Sweet Peas Green Giant	No. 303 Can	21¢
Pumpkin Libby's	No. 2 1/2 Can	17¢
Limas Del Monte Early Garden	No. 303 Can	21¢

Miscellaneous

Cigarettes Popular Brands	Ctn.	\$1.79
Cocoanut Durkee's Shredded	4-Oz. Pkg.	17¢
Margarine Sun Valley Colored	1-Lb. Pkg.	49¢
Margarine Dalewood Plain	1-Lb. Pkg.	29¢
Popcorn Yellow Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	19¢
Bread Mrs. Wright's Extra Tender	24-Oz. Loaf	17¢
Flour Kitchen Craft Top Quality	5-Lb. Bag	17¢
Flour Gold Medal Kitchen-Tested	5-Lb. Bag	17¢
Meal Mummy Lou White Corn	40-Ct. Pkg.	23¢

Safeway Guaranteed Meats

Fryers Murphy, Gov't Inspected Cut Up, Packed in Cartons	Lb.	69¢
Hens Dressed and Drawn Ready for the Oven	Lb.	65¢
Loin Roast Fresh Pork Rib or Loin End	Lb.	45¢
Hams Cured, Half or Whole 10- to 14-Lb. Average	Lb.	65¢

Hams Fresh Pork Half or Whole	Lb.	59¢
Sausage Pure Pork 2-Lb. Bags	Lb.	49¢
Sausage Brookfield Little Pig Links	Lb.	57¢
Picnics Small Size	Lb.	47¢
Bacon Smoked Squares	Lb.	39¢
Steak Aged, Heavy Beef Round	Lb.	79¢
Steak Aged, Heavy Beef Sirloin	Lb.	83¢
Roast Aged, Heavy Beef Shoulder Blade	Lb.	59¢
Oysters Eastern Standard	1-Lb. Can	77¢
Shrimp Medium Size	12-Oz. Pkg.	57¢

Farm-Fresh Produce

Oranges California Navel	Lb.	10¢
Red Grapes Large Clusters	2 Lbs.	25¢
Pascal Celery	Lb.	8¢
Red Potatoes	10-Lb. Bag	49¢
Cranberries	Lb.	25¢
Oranges Texas Juicy	8-Lb. Bag	33¢
Grapefruit Seedless	8-Lb. Bag	29¢
Apples Washington Delicious, Std.	2 Lbs.	27¢
Red Grapefruit	Lb.	7¢
Fresh Dates	8-Oz. Pkg.	17¢
Cocoanuts Fresh Whole	Lb.	17¢
Apples Washington Winesaps	Lb.	17¢
Tangerines Florida Fancy	Lb.	17¢
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Continental Oil Company Agency

E. C. Feagan and Employees

Several Wells Near Production

Flores No. 2 and Poe No. 3 Are Brought in During the Past Week

A spurt of activity marked the Christmas season in the Round Top area of the Hamlin Oil field, with two wells brought in for paying production, and several others nearing pay zones, observers said Wednesday. The Flores No. 2, drilled by General Crude, came in last week for an estimated production of 500 barrels daily. The well did not present the same display of gas and oil that the Flores No. 1 gave. It drilled to the Palo Pinto reef at about 4,800 feet.

The G. A. Poe No. 3, drilled into the Palo Pinto reef at 4,800 feet and came in for an estimated production of 15 barrels of high grade crude per hour.

Meanwhile several new wells were spudded in during the past week, and others were drilling ahead at various depths.

General Crude spudded in the Flores No. 4, and Ellis Hall spudded in on the G. A. Poe No. 4.

Hall also set surface this week and expected to begin drilling operations Wednesday on the Sterling No. 3. C. L. Nosworth of Dallas has spudded on the Cleo Shell tract, one and one-half miles west of Royston to test that area. The wildcat is expected to go to the Ellenburger at about 6,200 feet.

The Texas Company has spudded in on the northeast corner of Section 79 of the Stephens Estate, one half mile south of present production. The well has a permit for a 5,000 foot hole.

The J. B. Terrell No. 3 was drilled ahead below the 4,000 foot mark going into the Palo Pinto reef. Production is expected late this week.

The A. G. Griffin Estate No. 1,

two miles north of the Round Top field, near the Mount Zion Church, was drilling below the 3,200 foot depth Wednesday.

Duffield & Lester, drilling 10 miles southeast of Hamlin in an untested area, was nearing pay production at 3,000 feet Wednesday.

Several other new wells are expected to spud in during the next few days, observers said.



Miss Jeannine Johnston daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Johnston of Hamlin, was selected as Sweetheart of the 1949 Bronco at Hardin-Simmons University. Miss Johnston is a senior student in the university.

Mrs. Morris Is Awarded First in Yard Decoration

Mrs. Luther Morris was awarded first prize in the yard and home decoration contest, sponsored jointly by the Hamlin Garden Club and the Literary Club.

Judging of the decorations was done Monday evening by Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Pitman and Mrs. Wilson, all of Anson.

Second place was awarded to Mrs. W. C. Russell for the holiday lighting of her home and yard, and third place went to Mrs. LaFoy Patterson. Prizes in the contest were \$7.50, \$5 and \$2.50 respectively for first, second and third places.

The contest was based on general appearance and originality of decorations, members of the committees in charge said.

The idea for the contest came after the Chamber of Commerce had voted to award prizes to the merchants for the best decorated business windows in Hamlin.

Traffic Deaths In State Rise Sharply in '48

Despite redoubled efforts of state safety department officials deaths from traffic accidents in Texas during the same period of 1947, according to a report issued this week by the department.

During the first 11 months of the current year a total of 1,824 persons in the state lost their lives in traffic mishaps, while 1,772 persons were killed from the same cause in 1947.

However, the fatalities from traffic during November of 1948 were fewer than during November of 1947. For the 1948 month of November a total of 139 deaths were attributed to traffic accidents, while November of 1947 had 161 deaths from traffic.

Rural areas proved more deadly than did the towns and cities, according to the figures of the department. A total of 1,338 lives were lost in rural areas during the 11-month period of this year, as compared with 486 deaths in cities, towns and villages. The figures for 1947 were: 1,267 for rural areas and 505 for urban.

Excessive speed was given as the most frequent cause of fatalities by the department, followed by defective motor vehicles and intoxication.

In addition to the deaths from accidents 52,491 persons suffered injuries during the first 11 months of 1948 as compared with 51,637 injuries during the corresponding period of 1947.

Total accidents reported for the current year were 154,112 as compared with 150,137.

The accident rate rises sharply during holiday periods according to the report, and winter months cause more accidents than do the summer months.

Street Dance Opened Anson Yule Program

Christmas festivities opened at Anson this week with a street dance Monday evening on the west side of the square.

The dance inaugurated the widely-known Cowboys' Christmas Ball, which is an annual event in the county seat town. The ball is a continuation of the original ball made famous by Larry Chittenden in his poem, "Cowboys' Christmas Ball." It originated in the old Morning Star Hotel, an early day hostelry in Anson.

At the Thursday night dance only couples wearing costumes will be permitted to attend the ball.

BANK TO CLOSE

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Hamlin will close at noon Friday and will not reopen for business until Monday, December 27, it was announced this week by Clyde Agel, cashier.

MRS. MILLER IMPROVED

Condition of Mrs. Joe B. Miller, who has been ill with bronchial pneumonia since last Wednesday night, was reported to be greatly improved this week.



"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,"

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known unto us."

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.—Luke 2:7-16."

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."

"Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.—Matt. 2:1-2, 11."

Public Invited to Christmas Party At Hamlin Hospital Thursday Night

The first Christmas party at the Hamlin Memorial Hospital will be staged Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock, according to J. H. Patterson, business manager of the institution, and the public is invited to attend.

A Christmas tree, decorated in traditional Christmas lights has been erected in the lobby of the hospital, and large numbers of gifts to the hospital have been placed at its base.

The presents will be opened after the public reception, to give employees of the hospital an opportunity to send acknowledgements to the donors, Patterson said.

Christmas carols will be played during the evening and other program numbers may be given if no patients at the hospital are seriously ill at the time.

The packages were given to the hospital in response to a "letter to Santa Claus" published in The Hamlin Herald last week, in which needs of the institution were outlined by the manager.

To drive for funds to pay outstanding obligations of the hospital appeared to have failed in its purpose of raising \$15,000, Patterson said this week.

A total of only \$2,765, had been

COLES AT TSTC

Don Coles of Hamlin is one of 1,800 students enrolled in Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, it was announced this week.

ATTEND PAGEANT

Mr. and Mrs. Tate May and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Angel attended the Christmas pageant, at Albany Wednesday evening.

turned in to the business office prior to Wednesday of this week.

However, it was pointed out, several committees have not yet reported, and Patterson hopes the final report will show the sum above the \$3,000 mark.

Committees yet to be heard from include the Rotary Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and several committees in rural districts.

Cash gifts from Hamlinites who have not yet donated to the fund will be gladly accepted, Patterson said Wednesday.

Christmas Story Given Rotarians

Dr. Will C. House, pastor of the First Methodist Church spoke at the Wednesday noon meeting of the Hamlin Rotary Club, when he related the Christmas story and applied it to world conditions today.

"The whole world," he said, "needs peace. It needs the kind of peace that the angels promised in their message to the shepherds. 'But, he continued, 'the world cannot know that peace until the hearts of men accept the message of Christ.'"

The club presented a piece of costume jewelry to Miss Janet Bonner, pianist for the group during the past year.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Ralph Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey, who underwent a major surgical operation in Callan Hospital, Rotan, last week, was returned to his home here Sunday. His condition is reported to be greatly improved.

Needy Families Will Get Food

Colored Families Included in Plans For Distribution of Food, Candy

Needy families of Hamlin will have Christmas dinners, and their children will be provided with candy fruit and nuts and toys, in the concerted effort of civic and service clubs of Hamlin, it was learned this week.

Cooperating in the movement to provide the Christmas presents are the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Volunteer Fire Department and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Much credit for the movement belongs to one individual, Mrs. L. S. Magee, according to Travis Hash, general chairman of the combined committees. Mrs. Magee has been active in securing cooperation for the food distribution, and has spent many hours soliciting for gifts of toys and preparing them for Christmas gifts.

Candy, nuts, and fruit for the Christmas packages will be provided by the VFW post, while the other organizations will share the cost of food and other necessities for making a happy Christmas season for Hamlin's needy families.

New Pews Installed In Church of Christ

Installation of new pews in the auditorium of the Hamlin Church of Christ was underway this week, and it was hoped to have them ready for services Sunday, J. Cleo Scott, minister of the church, said.

The new pews are of hardwood and are 10 feet in length, Scott said.

Cotton Market Holds Steady As Sales Drop

Trading in spot cotton continued fairly active last week in Oklahoma and Texas markets, USDA's Production and Marketing Administration, reports.

However, sales at Dallas, Houston and Galveston slipped about four per cent below those of the previous week an totaled 74,519 bales. A similar decline in sales was recorded at the other leading spot markets, but total sales ran about 22 per cent ahead of those for the corresponding week last year.

Cotton prices remained firm last week, fluctuating within a narrow range of only 10 points. Closing quotations at Dallas, Houston and Galveston Friday were \$16 to \$18 per bale less than for the corresponding day last year.

The basis in the country markets eased slightly during the week. Current ginnings are moving into trade channels at slightly lower prices.

Export demand continues brisk, but domestic interest has been confined to fill-in orders.

Texas farmers have placed 482,030 bales of cotton under government loan, and Oklahoma farmers 90,978, reports Commodity Credit Corporation.

Cottonseed prices are about steady.

Carloadings in Area Continue Downward

Railroad carloadings in the mid-dlewest continued their downward trend during the past week, according to reports from the Santa Fe and Katy roads.

For the week ending December 18, 1948 carloadings on the two lines were 30,440 as compared with 31,782 for the corresponding week of 1947.

Yule Program Given In New Hope School

Annual Christmas program was given in the New Hope school Monday evening when pupils took part in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Wortham Crow are teachers of the school and directed the festivities.

Included in the program were a spellin' bee, a short play and several musical numbers.

son for Hamlin's needy families.

The gifts all will be loaded on a truck Friday afternoon and the truck will parade down Central avenue, led by the fire truck, Hash said.

The parcels will be distributed during the period from 1:00 o'clock until 5:00.

The food and treats will be given, not only to white families, but colored people will also share in the distribution, it was decided this week. R. Huchingson, superintendent of Hamlin schools was preparing a list of needy colored families to be visited during the afternoon.

It is estimated that more than \$250 will be spent in the endeavor to guarantee a happy Christmas to all Hamlin people.

13 Pied Pipers Given Jackets in Chapel Monday

Letter jackets, attesting their prowess in football, were given to 13 members of the 1948 Pied Piper squad in a program held in the high school auditorium last Monday morning.

The jackets were presented by Coach Jesse N. Burditt and Superintendent I. R. Huchingson.

Those who received jackets were: J. B. May, Gene Westmoreland, Carroll Phipps, Donald Young, Joe Ford, Alfred Ellison, Tommy Latham, Seth Adams, Clifton Townsend, Earl Putnam, Stanley Butler, C. L. White and Thee Hill.

Other members of the team who will receive jackets at a later date are: Donald Rowland, W. T. Stapler, John Ray Holland, Asa Goodgame, Joe Allen Dean, Harold Johnson and Dean Phipps.

Lions Exchange Gifts In Riotous Meeting

Members of the Hamlin Lions Club exchanged gifts at their meeting Tuesday at noon when the exuberant spirit of Christmas prevailed. The meeting was marked with fun and jokes, punctuated by flying missiles, aimed at random targets.

The gifts consisted of toys, which then were put into a barrel to be distributed to Hamlin's needy children. Bill Eysen served as a substitute Santa Claus for the impromptu program.

The club met Tuesday for the first time in its new meeting place at Johnson's Drive-Inn cafe.

Hamlin Dance Team Gave Exhibition

The Hamlin Dance team gave an exhibition at the annual Cowboys' Christmas Ball at Anson Wednesday evening by special request of the committee in charge.

The team, known throughout West Texas for its square dance exhibitions, is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wilmon, Mr. and Mrs. Gean Witt and Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Witt.

The Cowboys' Ball began Tuesday and will continue through Friday evening.

COLORADO CITY FLAG FLIES HIGH—IN HAMLIN

The banner of the Colorado City basketball team is flying high—but on the Hamlin High School flagpole and not on their home standard.

The banner was attached to the top of the flagpole in front of Hamlin High School when the CC team played the Pied Pipers here last week. And then to make sure that it would not be removed soon, some enthusiastic fan for the Colorado Citizens cut the chain that raises and lowers the flag.

School officials were pondering ways and means to haul down the alien ensign this week and replace it with an orthodox flag honoring the Pied Pipers.

Avoid Tragedy Is Plea of Firemen

Simple Rules for Safety During the Yule Season Are Given by Marshal

plea for a safe Christmas was made this week by F. M. Crow, Hamlin fire marshal, who pointed out many of the dangers that exist during the annual celebration of the birth of Christ.

Crow said the fire department is always ready to aid in preventing disasters that result from accidents during any season of the year.

"However," he said, "we would much rather prevent the accident than have to help put out fires, or aid somebody in saving lives after accidents have happened."

Among the simple rules designed to aid in preventing fires or deaths from electrocution during the Yule season, are the following:

Keep the light switch clear and do not hang anything on the box. Replace blown fuses only with another fuse or an approved brand and never install a fuse with a greater amperage rating than was originally installed. It is hazardous to bridge a fuse or tamper with the original installation.

Extension cords are temporary installations and should be removed when not in use. They should never be nailed to walls, floors, or other objects. Inspect these cords regularly for bad connections and bare spots.

Do not install extension cords to floor lamps or other appliances under rugs; walking over these cords will wear the installation. It is recommended that you not only turn off your radio, but that you pull the plug out of the wall when the radio is not in use.

Do not place ash trays on the arms of upholstered furniture; rather on a small table or smoking stand beside the chair.

When have you last inspected the cord and connections on your bed lamp? Remember you are groping in the dark for the switch on the lamp when you desire to turn on the light.

Check the condition of your dresser lamp frequently. Always be

sure you have extinguished the fire on that cigaret you were smoking while you were dressing.

Here is a test you can make for yourself. Pull the curtains around toward and in front of your heaters. If you can pull the curtains into a hazardous place, then the wind can blow them there, and it is suggested that you move the stove. Note that radiant heaters are not too close to beds, walls or other pieces of furniture.

Crow said that under no circumstances should lighted candles be placed near combustible materials and they should not be used on Christmas trees.

The final rule, he said, is that if a fire starts, call the fire department immediately and don't wait until a blaze has gained headway before sending in the alarm.

Christmas Tree and Pogram at Swedonia

A Christmas tree and program for the community will be held at Swedonia Thursday evening, residents of that community have announced.

The program will be given by school children of that vicinity, and gifts will be exchanged around the tree as a climax of the evening's festivities.

Roland Gets Plenty of Typewriters--Has Two

O. D. Roland of Hamlin, who lost his chance at a small fortune two weeks ago when he failed to identify the title to a song on a radio contest program, was awarded plenty of typewriters as consolation prizes.

This week Roland received a portable Remington noiseless typewriter from the firm conducting the program—and then two days later Mrs. Roland an identical consolation prize.

With Maggie Gone

By CAROLYN GRANT

IT WAS late when old Dan left the laundry where he worked, and snow fell in great flakes from the dark sky. He stopped for a moment along the street, unmindful of the eager passersby and their thoughtless jostling against him in their haste on this last night before Christmas. He lifted his face so that the soft flakes fell against his cheeks and melted in cold little drops of water that sought the deep lines sixty odd years had put there.

Snow was a part of Christmas, and after days of hesitancy it had come—just as he and Maggie had always wanted it. "Snow makes the lights seem brighter in the store windows, along the decorated streets of our little town and in our home on our tinsel-draped cedar tree. We haven't missed many Christmases, Dan, having our snow." It seemed long ago since Maggie had said that. Years, it seemed. Yet it had been only last year that they'd stood at their front window looking out at the dark sky, and Maggie'd said those words almost like a prayer.

Dan sighed and let his chin drop into the upturned collar of his overcoat and started on. He wished the snow hadn't come. With Maggie gone, he could hardly bear its soft falling of down about him. He wanted to close his eyes against its brightness with the street lights shining upon it. He wanted to close his ears against the soft music that came from radios along the streets playing Christmas carols, and "White Christmas"—the song Maggie loved best.

Christmas had come again. But for him there'd be no Christmas—



He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there.

not any more. There'd be only memories of other Christmases eddying about him as the swirling snow, and the plans he and Maggie'd made for this Christmas even before they'd carried out the last would pass without realization, now that Maggie wasn't here to help him carry them through.

He stopped in front of Carter's store, but minutes passed before he realized that he'd stopped there and was staring without actually seeing the array of Christmas toys behind the big plate glass window. His mind was going back. He was seeing again the glow in Maggie's face as each Christmas they'd shop together for others.

Last year it had been the widow Benson and her six little Bensons, who would have been forgotten by

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Roland and children spent the week-end in Fort Worth as guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Fowler will have as their Christmas guests their children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fowler of Freeport, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fowler Jr., of Duncan, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Carl Andress and daughter, Linda, of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Rosie Embrey visited her brother-in-law of San Antonio, last week.

Santa if they hadn't bought them gifts. Long ago they'd begun the ritual. They had no children of their own. But Maggie'd said, "We'll pretend that the children about us are ours." And her whole life had been one of giving at Christmas.

This year they'd planned for the O'Shays. They lived in a little house down back of the old depot. "Little Billy's just four and he's never had a wagon, Dan," Maggie'd said, planning even as they trudged through the snow with their gayly wrapped gifts for the Bensons. "And little Jeep has never had a doll that can talk and go to sleep."

Dan shifted his feet, standing there in front of Carter's, and snow gathered along the stoop of his shoulders. Somewhere among Maggie's belongings was a list of the things she'd planned to buy the O'Shays. He remembered it. Each item came clear to him suddenly as the ringing of a bell, and it was as if Maggie stood by him then, warm and alive. She touched his arm and together they went into the store with its crowd of excited late shoppers.

A clerk came up to Dan. "Something, sir?" Dan's eyes were filmed, but they were watery from age and being out in the cold wind, the clerk thought.

"Yes," Dan said. "I have a long list of things to buy."

Maggie smiled, he knew he saw her smile, and she got to talking like she used to talk when they went out together to buy gifts on Christmas Eve.

"We're like a house, Dan," she said. "We can close the doors and windows and others can't tell what we have locked inside. We live to bring happiness to others and for the good that we can do."

Dan looked up above packages piled high in his arms and smiled. He said to the clerk, "Merry Christmas, and now we'll be on our way."

The clerk looked strange. Old people, he thought, were queer, and he called after Dan, "Merry Christmas to you, too, sir! Merry Christmas!"

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Christmas Music By Bach, Handel

For a great many people the music of Bach and Handel make difficult listening—until Christmas comes around. Then, suddenly, everybody starts singing and humming tunes by the two old masters.

The reason for this is that both Bach and Handel were church musicians. One of their tasks was to compose songs for church congregations to sing. They proved themselves masters of beautiful, easily followed melodies in their Christmas music. Our most famous Christmas oratorios and carols came from Bach and Handel.

"How Brightly Beams the Morning Star" was composed by Bach and his "Christmas Oratorio" contains the themes of several other popular chorales.

In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frederick Handel's the "Messiah." When carolers sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for

Sub Deb Club Feted With Yule Social

Miss Frankie Sue Madden was hostess to members of the Sub Deb Club in her home Tuesday evening, when they enjoyed their annual Christmas party.

Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments were served.

Those present were: Jo Anne Johnson, Oleta Kite, Oleta Meeks, Doris Rodgers, Patsy Brown, Bobbye Brown, Nadine Blount, Wilma Moore, Juanice Young, La Nelle Coltharp, Betty Taylor, Vannie Bea Huling and Winnie Hassen, sponsor.

that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical theme of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Mrs. Fay Lyon and son, Frank, of Commerce, are spending the holidays as guests of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. D. M. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson and son, John, were guests of the platinum anniversary party Sunday honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rose of Hereford.

Mrs. B. B. King and son have returned home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. N. Harpole in Kermit.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Ellis were guests in the home of Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roundtree, of Hamlin last week-end.

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends.

HAMILTON IN JAPAN.

Private William J. Hamilton, of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamilton of Hamlin, has been assigned to the Provisional Squadron of 7th Cavalry Regiment in Japan. He enlisted in the Army April 2, 1947, and received his basic training in Fort Lewis, Washington.

CHRISTMAS JOY



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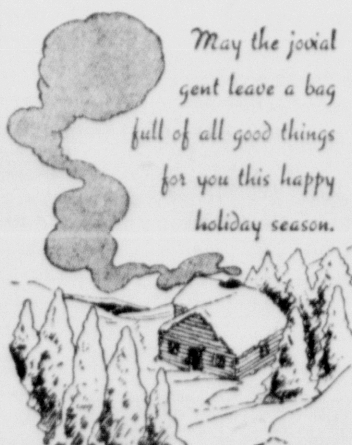


Christmas Greetings

Just to remember you in this friendly way.



"Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound."



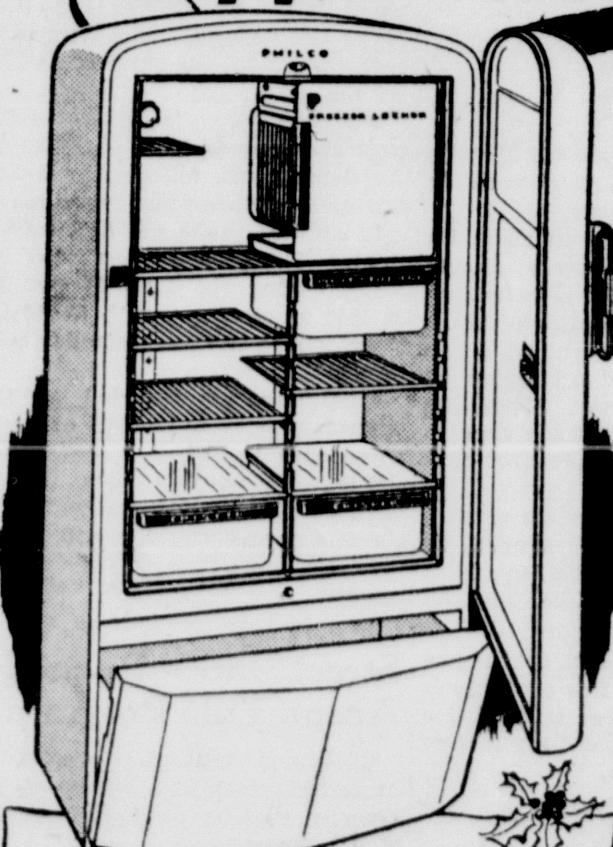
May the joyful gent leave a bag full of all good things for you this happy holiday season.

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Rites Conducted For Mrs. Owen in Methodist Church

Final rites for Mrs. Jack Owen were conducted in the Calvary Baptist Church in Hamlin Sunday, December 19, with Dr. Will C. House, pastor, and Rev. J. E. Harrell of Anson, in charge.

Mrs. Owen died in a San Angelo hospital last Thursday following an illness of only two weeks.

Born in Hamlin, March 24, 1921, she had attended local schools and graduated from Hamlin High School in 1938. She married in 1939, and became the mother of two children, who survive. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Owen is survived by her husband of San Angelo, a son, Ronnie Joe and a daughter, Nancy Ann, of the home; her father, Ross Dillard of Ropesville; two brothers, C. L. Dillard of Dallas and Bill Dillard of Terrell.

Burial was in the East Cemetery, directed by the Barrow Funeral Home.

Annual Yule Party Given for BTC Group

Members of the Senior Baptist Training Course of the Calvary Baptist Church were given their annual Christmas party in the home of John Johnson last Friday evening.

Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served following the playing of games.

Those present were Casy Branscum, Jo Ann Fannin, Clea Fay Neagle, J. W. Carter, Viola Embrey, Willie Ails, Juaney Branscum, Alfred Ellison, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carson, Mr. and Mrs. John Pat Collins, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Neagle, Elder W. E. Nunn, Joe Boyd Turner, Mrs. J. T. Johnson and John Johnson.

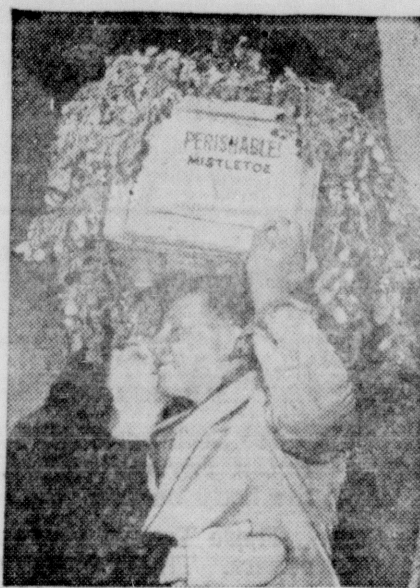
MRS. LESLIE ILL.
Mrs. S. B. Leslie, mother of Mrs. W. L. Meeks, has been seriously ill at the home of her daughter. Her condition has been considered grave for several weeks.

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Columbus Unlucky On Christmas Eve

America's first Christmas was celebrated by Christopher Columbus. It happened on Christmas eve of the memorable year 1492.

Columbus was planning to observe the Feast of the Nativity with the Indian chieftain, Guacanagari, who ruled over the island of Haiti. Already he had received fine presents from the chief who he believed to be great Khan of Cipagno, that fabulous realm of the Orient Columbus mistakenly thought he had found.

But Columbus' plans went wrong. He was so tired from long watches while the Santa Maria cruised the island channels that he retired to his cabin for a nap. While he was sleeping, the next in command also decided to take a rest and went below. The helmsman, as tired as the others, decided that he deserved a rest as much as they and turned the tiller over to a cabin boy.

Abandon Ship.
The worst happened. Within a few minutes the Santa Maria was fast on a reef. The rolling surf

drove the ship higher and higher upon the reef and opened her seams. Soon she fell over on her side and the water poured into her hull. Columbus and the crew were forced to seek refuge on his other ship, the Nina.

Early next morning Columbus sent word of the wreck to Chief Guacanagari. Promptly the chief sent a message to Columbus assuring him that he would give him all the assistance possible.

The noble chieftain was better than his word. He assembled a great flotilla of canoes and dispatched them to the Santa Maria to bring all its valuables ashore. Amid the cargo the natives saw many things that made their eyes open wide with envy. Yet so strong was their friendship for the white men and so careful Guacanagari's supervision that not a single article was stolen.

Christmas Banquet.

After the last article had been brought ashore, Guacanagari had another plan. His guests had missed Christmas, but there was no reason why Columbus and the men should not enjoy the finest banquet he and his followers could provide.

There was game from the woods, lobster and fish from the sea; and all sorts of tropical fruits and vegetables. A thousand natives danced in Columbus' honor after the feasting and the climax of the ceremonies came when the chief brought out a coronet of gold and placed it upon Columbus' head. There were

Fairy Blue Birds Had Yule Party Tuesday

Members of the Fairy group of Blue Birds were entertained in the home of Mrs. Paul Wick last Tuesday afternoon, when they spent much of the time in singing of Christmas carols and making decorations for the tree. Christmas gifts were distributed and displayed.

The entertaining rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors. Refreshments of cheese crackers, cake and lemonade were served.

Those present were Kay Shelburne, Elizabeth Ann Johnson, Glenda Wick, Kay Gould, Marsha Carson, Gloria Jean Rodgers, Barbara Ann Connelly, Kay Selmore, Babbette Boyt, Judy Sproles, Joan Hallum, Zoann Current, Saella Jo Goodwin, May Jo Bean, and Gloria Elaine Gould, mascot. Adults present were Mrs. Don Gould, leader and Mrs. Wick, assistant leader.

also presents of gold for the crew.

In the journal which he was keeping for Ferdinand and Isabella, Columbus wrote: "These people love their neighbors as themselves; their discourse is ever sweet and gentle, and accompanied by a smile. I swear to your majesties, there is not in the world a better nation or land."



Wishing you the merriest Christmas possible.
That means you,
you . . . and you!

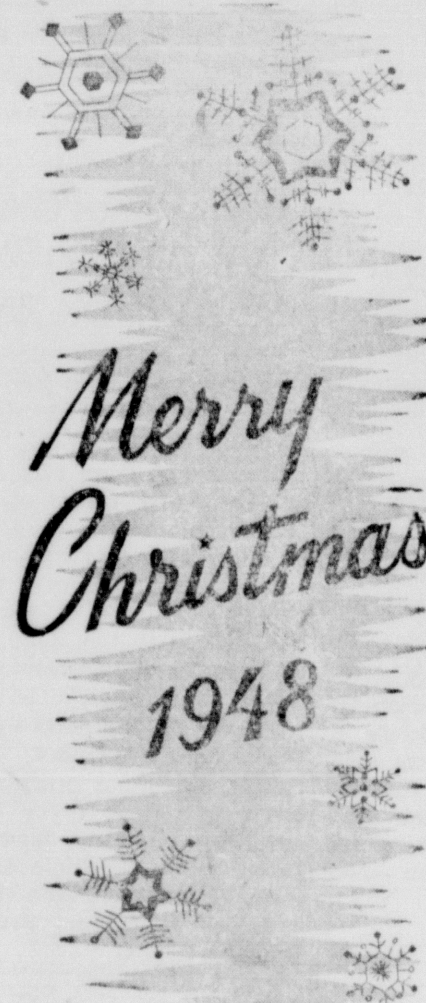
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I appreciate very much the friends who have been so loyal during the past years, and the kind expressions of their friendship has helped to make many memories that are precious to me. May all of you have joy and gladness during the holiday season and all the year.

And I wish for all of you . . . A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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FOR SALE—Record player.—See Dr. McCrary. 5-tfc

FOR SALE—Seven room house with bath, furnished. All hard wood floors. Acres from Elementary School.—See W. Wallace or call 439. 50-tfc

FOR SALE—Massey-Harris and Allis Chalmers tractor. Sell either. Also for rent 210 acres of land.—Contact L. B. Meeks. 1p

FOR SALE—Three late model Jeeps.—See Bantam Motor Company, Stamford. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Carmichael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Used portable washer, also evening wrap worn one time.—Contact trailer house at Frank Williams' home. 3-2p

FOR SALE—1938 Plymouth 2dr.; Dodge motor; reasonable.—Dr. J. W. McCrary. 52-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Carmichael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Three-year-old Shetland. Gentle for children of any age. Also good pigs for sale.—Bryan Conner, Phone 444. 6-3p

FOR SALE—My home and small laundry. Call 394 anytime.—Mrs. Minnie McNeely. 2-tfc

FOR SALE—20x40 building; nearly new.—Located nine miles southeast.—Contact Elmer D. Rogers, Hamlin. 7-4p

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Carmichael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE or Trade—Farmall tractor, good. Kerosene heater, also bundle heater.—Albert Moore. 7-2p

NEW TRACTORS at list price, Case "VAC" or 2 row complete with all tools, and Case "SC" complete with 3 row tools.—Rube's, Inc., Stamford, Texas. 7-2p

GET YOUR Fireworks at Masser Drug, McCaulley, Texas. 7-2p

For Rent

FOR RENT—Building now occupied by Lewis Wheat & Son; good location. Will be for rent about January 1. Also storage space in brick warehouse.—Wilson Hardware. 6-tfc

FOR RENT—Magnetic vacuum cleaner, all attachments, \$1 per day.—White Auto Store. 3-tfc

WANT To Buy clean rags no buttons and No Khanki 12c per pound.—Hamlin Motor Co. 32-tfc

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

FOR RENT—Small apartment house, unfurnished.—See Frances Pannin or phone 240. 51-tfc

FOR RENT—Electric paint spray gun by the hour or by the job.—White's Auto Store. 1-tfc

Wanted

WORK WANTED—Cemetery curbing. See or write J. B. Smith, Anson, Texas or contact M. L. Haught, Hamlin, Texas. 6-4p

WANTED—Nicely furnished house or apartment. Couple references furnished.—Call 208. 8-2p

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

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WANTED—Water well drilling.—George Sublett, Merkel, Texas, call 222. 7-3p

Lost and Found

LOST—Two-inch rubber water hose, 12 to 14 foot long, between Hamlin and Sylvester.—Sylvester Laundry. 7-2p

Cards of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Thanks to all our friends who have thought of us with words of sympathy and beautiful flowers, and many deeds of kindness during our bereavement.—The family of Dorothea Dillard Owen. 1p

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to each and everyone for their thoughtful kindness and expressions of sympathy at the death of our husband and father.—Mrs. E. L. Carnes and children. 1c

Alathean Class Party Was Event of Monday

Members of the Alathean Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church were entertained at a Christmas party in the basement of the church building Monday evening.

The rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors. The program opened with the singing of "Silent Night," led by Letris Young, with Winnie Abbott playing accompaniment.

Mrs. A. R. Posey gave a Christmas story, "The Other Wise Man," and Mrs. Kitty Crockett led in prayer.

A plate consisting of cheese sandwiches, olives, pecan pie and coffee was served. Favors were sprigs of mistletoe, tied with red ribbons.

Mrs. Joe Simpson, newly-elected teacher of the class, gave a brief talk, after she was introduced to the members.

Each person present brought a gift, and the gifts were packaged and taken to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital as a Christmas donation from the class.

Milton and Ralph Johnson, students at Bethany Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma, will spend the Christmas holidays in Hamlin as guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Johnson.

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our deep appreciation to the many people in Hamlin and vicinity who sent messages of condolence, gave flowers and otherwise exhibited their sympathy in the loss of our wife and mother, Mrs. Jack Owen.—Jack Owen and children. 1p



Once again, as the glow of the holiday season envelops the land, we extend our friendliest greetings and warmest wishes for a joyous Yuletide season.

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Wesleyan Guild Meets in Miss Vaughn Home

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild were guests of Miss Lulan Vaughn and Miss Georgia Moore in their home last week.

In addition to the regular members present, guests were Miss Frances Ruth aBiley who has returned from Japan, and Mrs. Earl Misener, who expects to join her husband in Japan immediately after the holidays.

Miss Bailey exhibited pictures of Japan, and Mrs. Misener gave a talk about her husband's work in Korea.

The hostesses served a refreshment plate and presented a gift to each guest.

Intermediate GA Had Christmas Party

Members of the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of their sponsor, Mrs. John Waiton, Monday evening.

The group gave Mrs. Waiton a silk scarf and a pair of hose as a Christmas present, and she presented a corsage to each of the girls.

After refreshments were served, the girls prepared a basket of food and took it to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital, and then they went caroling.

Present for the party were Corena Burk, Bennie Elkins, Gwendolyn Norris, Kathryn Richey, Tommie Lowe, Jere Lynn Irwin, Janice Agnew, Jeannine Deel, Barbara Posey, Dorothy Altum, Eddie Decker, Eleanor Hutchinson, Mrs. Walton, and two visitors, Glenna Brewer and Raonna Elkins.

Miss Olive Adams Is Bride of Abilenian

Miss Olive Adams became the bride of Kenneth W. Morris of Abilene in double ring ceremony in the First Methodist Church of Hamlin Saturday evening, December 18.

The vows were read for the couple by Dr. Will C. House, pastor of the church, in the presence of a large group of friends and relatives of the pair.

Mrs. Morris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Adams of Hamlin, where she has made her home and attended school.

Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Morris of Abilene.



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Christmas decorating is in full swing at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children as Richard Ooley, Spearman, and John Ballard, Dallas, trim a Christmas tree. The two little girls in wheelchairs, Marlyn Barrett, Odessa, and Tommie Kay Robinson, Hereford, avoid the Christmas postal rush by wrapping their gifts early with colorful paper and ribbon. The Scottish Rite Hospital is supported by contributions and bequests from generous people in the Lone Star State.

Hamlin Hospital News

Admissions to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital during the past several days were:

Jerry and Jimmy Stuart, December 15, medical.

Mrs. A. Spencer, December 20, medical.

Billy Ray Barnett, December 19, medical.

Van Chapman, December 19, medical.

R. L. Kite, December 20, medical.

Mrs. Roy Carmichael, December 21, medical.

Dismissals from the hospital were:

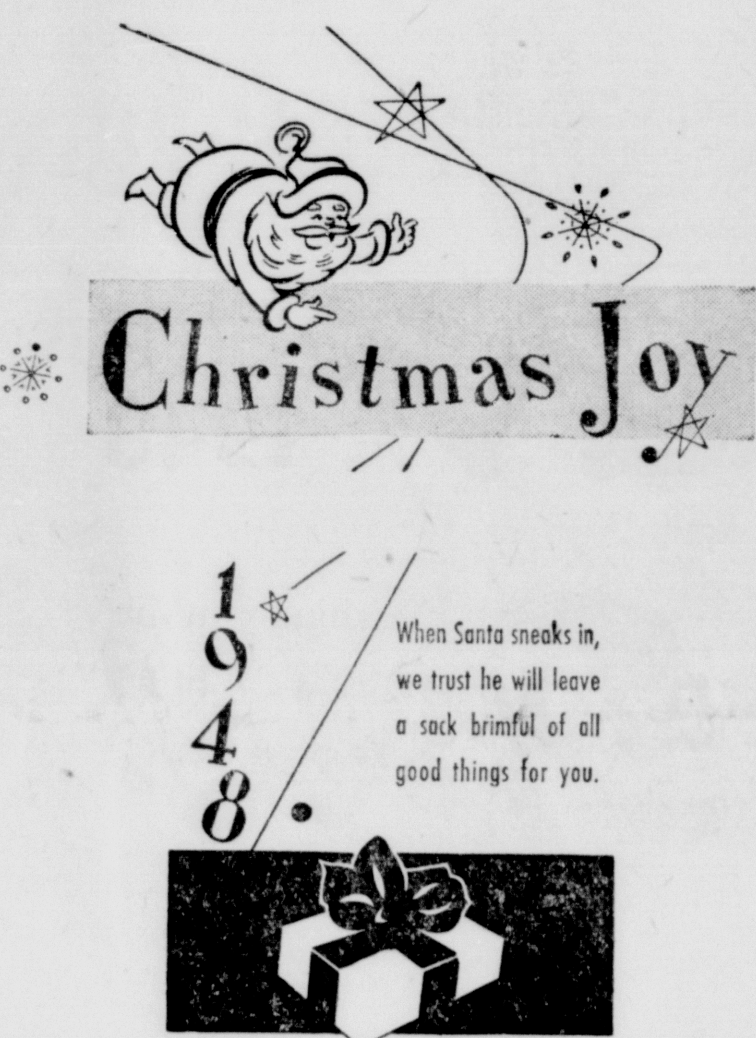
Mrs. M. Y. Wilson, December 14.

Jerry and Jimmy Stuart, December 19.

Billy Ray Barnett, December 20.

Mrs. A. Spencer, December 21.

Mrs. George Poe and baby, December 21.



When Santa sneaks in, we trust he will leave a sack brimful of all good things for you.

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Dr. Will C. House, Mrs. Mills, Mr. family plan to spend Christmas in and Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. W. Lubock in the home of Mrs. Angelo. H. Gilbert attended the Christmas pageant at Albany Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Angel and

Angelo will spend Christmas in Hamlin as guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Bristow.

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Joe Stalin can tell the Russians what to think. But if anybody tried that in Texas they'd ship the body back home.

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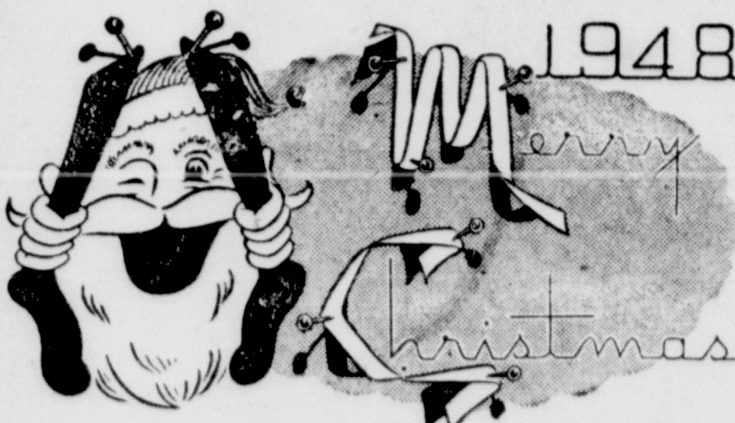
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and blessings of
this Yuletide
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JUST BEFORE Christmas



Excitement is mounting and all over town Parents are trying to slow their kids down.

There are Sunday School tableaux, Neighborhood sings, And sister's play Costume needs new Angel Wings.



While packing the box For Uncle John's folks Dad gets himself all Tangled up in the ropes.

Mysterious bundles Arrive from the store And Mother is busy Behind a locked door.



It's just impossible for all to agree What goes where when trimming the tree.

Where, oh where is the Christmas Card list? We all thought this Person had ceased to exist.

Sure, we're busy, but who Can complain? Thank goodness it's Almost Christmas Again!

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tate May for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McIntosh and family of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Baker and son of San Angelo, and James Tate May of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dan Jones for the holidays will be Miss Bess Jones, student at Bethany Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma, Dan Jones Jr., student at Texas Tech, Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds of Lubbock.

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HAMLIN, TEXAS



Cheerily we add our voice to the many happy ones raised in the wish...
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

STYLE CLEANERS

Golden Wedding Anniversary for Sylvester Couple Observed Sunday

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Williams held open house Sunday afternoon at their home in Sylvester to mark their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Hazel Whitten, Mrs. A. T. Isty, Mrs. E. L. Dickerson, and Mrs. Lea Dickerson served coffee and cake to the guests.

A lighted Christmas tree was in the living room, and gifts for the couple were put on the tree.

Those registering were Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. L. Allen, Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Turner, Glenn L. Reynolds, Eva Gene Williams, Mrs. Gladys Williams, Mrs. O. H. Strubling, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Dickerson, Lenoir and Lavoie Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Arva Lee Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kaiser, Jim Lanning, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ware, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McCormick, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halbrook of Roby.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Phillips, Charlene Ross, Wanda Golehon, Frank A. Mathews, all of McMurry, Velva Lawlis, Dan J. Ware, Eloise Perry and Ruth Ann Farrar of McMurry; Mary Montgomerie, Dorothy Smith, Rachel Gackle Watkins of Montana; James Plumlee of Odessa; James Pollard of Vernon; Robert McElyea, Jim McCarty of Odessa; Keith Greathouse, Rodgers of New Mexico; Bill Owen of Shamrock, Nex Mexico; T. R. Abbott of Houston; H. Doyle Rable of Abilene; Ruth Josey, Mrs. Freddie Kaiser of California; Mr. Fred Hilbrook, Mrs. C. J. Cross, Mrs. Bess Reynolds, Mrs. A. L. Josey, Mrs. J. S. Mauldin, Mrs. Rosemore, A. L. Josey, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Blake, Mrs. Eugene Kaiser, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Talbot, Vera Opal Talbot, Glenn Talbot.

Mrs. Lee Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Haley, Bonnie Haley, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Williams and Henry Allen Williams of Monohans. Ovid Baker, Mrs. Jim Whitten, Mrs. May Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kaiser and children of California. Mr. and Mrs. Boge Wilkes, Mrs. Bill Stone.

The McMurry singing band came at 3:00 o'clock and sang. Pictures of the couple and their cake were taken.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that springs from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That was a time of great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those peoples.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak and to adorn it in a tribute to the Christ Child.



Merry Christmas 1948

Along with Christmas pine and holly . . . may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

LEON THURMAN, District Clerk



"MISSOURI" SILVER . . . President Truman attended ceremonies aboard the U.S.S. Missouri at Norfolk, Va., where Gov. Phil Donnelly of Missouri presented a \$10,000 silver service to the majestic battleship. Left to right are Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan, President Truman, Capt. James H. Hatch and Governor Donnelly.



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Sylvester News

MRS. E. H. PHILLIPS

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Creswell and family of Rotan were guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mauldin.

Mrs. Bess Reynolds has as her guest her sister, Miss Mabel Moon of Breckenridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Roberts were guests of Roberts' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Roberts of Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lanning were recent guests of Mr. Lanning's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Green of Georgetown.

The pep squad girls honored the Sylvester football team with a buffet supper in the home of Minnie Mae Combest last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kiser and baby from California are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kiser and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Josey during the holiday season.

Ruth Allen Josey of Abilene was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Josey last week-end.

The auxiliary of the American Legion entertained husbands of the members with a Christmas party in the Legion hall last Thursday evening.

The deputation team of McMurry College, directed by Rev. George J. Steinman and Rev. Foyle Reagle, presented an interesting program Sunday morning in the Sylvester Methodist Church. During the afternoon the group entertained shut-ins with carols, and presented a play in the high school auditorium Sunday evening.

Honor Society Met in Home of Mrs. Farrow

Mrs. Mart Farrow was hostess in her home last Saturday to members of the Hamlin chapter of the National Honor Society, when new members were initiated. Miss Janet Bonner and Bennie Johnson directed the initiations.

The hostess served dinner to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Huchingson, Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Newberry, Matilda Cummings, Bobby Bruner, Lewis LaBaume, Wayne Davids, Donna Miller, Oletha Maynard, Joe Ford, Donald Young, Ann Agnew, Janet Bonner and Dennis Johnson.

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Gleaners Class Yule Party Held Thursday

Members of the Gleaners Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Fred B. Moore Jr., Thursday evening for a business session and Christmas social.

Each member brought a toy to be given to children in Buckner's Home. Following a short business session Mrs. H. R. Treadwell, teacher of the class, gave a devotional on "What Christmas Means to Me."

The class presented a box of stationery to Mrs. Treadwell as a token of appreciation for her teaching.

Refreshments of pound cake and orange cake, wrapped in Christmas packages, Bohemian tea and salted nuts were served.

Hamlin Teachers Had Social Meet Tuesday

Teachers in the Hamlin School system attended a meeting in the high school cafeteria Tuesday, December 14, when I. R. Huchingson, superintendent, discussed the Gilmer-Aiken bill on education in Texas.

Following the discussion a social was held and refreshments were served.

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends.

FATHER IS KILLED

Mrs. Richard Clardy of Hamlin was notified last week of the death of her father, Douglas Gordon, who was killed in an automobile crash near Detroit, Michigan, December 9. Gordon's body was taken to his former home in Columbia, S. C., for burial Sunday, December 12.

Jimmy Crawford Feted On Fourth Birthday

Mrs. Onis Crawford entertained with a party in her home last Saturday afternoon, honoring the third birthday anniversary of her son, Jimmy.

Present for the occasion were: Mary M. Turner, Mary Maberry, Wanda McCoy, Kenny Preston, Stan Walton, Sammy Stubbs, Ruby Dean Hymer and Gene Shelburne.

Birthday Party Given For Jack Bessire

Mrs. J. C. Bessire entertained with a party in her home last Tuesday honoring the 11th birthday anniversary of her son, Jack.

Birthday cake and cold drinks were served for refreshments.

Those present were Mary Debs Rountree, Ronny Parker, Clifford Greene, Herbert Lackey, Anna Mae Slaughter, Maureen Jenkins, Margaret Joyce Wilson, Billy Ray Kelly, Doyle Johnson, Donald Johnson, Danin G. Carter, Vera Wilson, Loran Gilland, Jackie Wayne Drummond, Billy Wayne Halmark, Bill Maddox, Justin Roland, W. F. Stewart, Billy Wayne Finicannon, Bobby Norton, Benny Watson, Kay Bessire and Jack Bessire.

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends.

Senior BTU Has Yule Party Saturday Night

Members of the Senior department of the Baptist Training Union of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the basement of the church Saturday evening.

Cocoa, sandwiches and cookies were served.

Those present were: Donna Miller, Tommie Latham, Thee Hill, Dorothy Altum, Aubrey Altum, Barbara Foster, Corene Burke, Alton Kitz, Jimmie Spencer, Mrs. Jack Russell, Wharton Mendenhall and Mrs. A. R. Josey.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of the Hamlin Church the Nazarene were entertained with a Christmas program at the Sunday evening service, according to Rev. Howard Smith, pastor. The program depicted the manger scene at the birth of Christ. Musical numbers were also given during the service.



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Funeral Was Conducted In City Church

Rev. E. L. Redden and Rev. Thurston Healer of Abilene were in charge of funeral rites for Edward Lunsford Carnes, in the Calvary Baptist Church here last Monday.

Carnes died in the Hamlin Memorial Hospital December 12, following illness of several months. He first became ill in July and was confined to his bed for several weeks at that time.

Born in Sulphur Springs, January 19, 1888, Carnes was nearing 60 years of age at his death. He was married to Oriana Lanada Bailey, November 8, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Carnes had lived in and near Hamlin since 1916. He was a member of the Hamlin Baptist Church.

Survivors are his widow, a sister, Mrs. Pearl Massey of Amarillo; seven children, Alton Carnes of Rotan, Avery Carnes of Brownfield, Mrs. Earline Griffin of Kermit, Earnest Carnes of Ozona, Mrs. Anne McCoy of Hamlin, and Robert and Edward Carnes of El Paso. All of his children were present before their father died.

Burial was in the East Cemetery here, by the Barrow Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones and son of San Diego, California, are visiting with Mrs. Jones, parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Edgar Boaz of Houston were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Culbertson last week.

Intermediate GA Met In Church Monday

Members of the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of the First Baptist Church met in the church building last Monday afternoon for their weekly program.

A book report was given on the life of Lottie Moon by Eleanor Huchingson. The report covered the entire life of Lottie Moon, missionary to China.

Those present were Adele Altum, Dorothy Altum, Eddie Decker, Cora Burke, Bennie Alkins, Eleanor Huchingson, Jere Lynn Irwin, Tommy Lowe, Gwendolyn Norris, Barbara Posey, Kathryn Pitcher, Mary Lee Roland, Donna Miller, Glyndia Hallmark and Mrs. John Walton, sponsor.

Christmas Party for Church Classes Held

The annual Yuletide gift exchange party for members of the primary and junior classes of the Clavary Baptist Church was held Monday night in the home of Mrs. Dan Branscum.

Games were played and refreshments served to Virgil Ellison, Don King, Don and Jackie Drummond, Jerry and Janie Hodges, Albert Butler, Anna Mae Slaughter, Patricia

Dan Branscum, Mary Lou Ellison, Martha Bunley, Laura Turner, Inez Wells, Margorie Grimes, Betty Best, Ana Mae Collins, Lloyd Neal Branscum, Mrs. G. W. Drummond and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Branscum.

Mrs. Lancaster Gives Party for Daughter

Mrs. Claude Lancaster was hostess in her home Saturday afternoon at a party honoring the sixth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Lana Claude.

Outdoor games were played, fol-

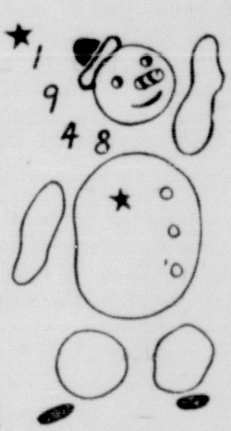
lowing which the guests were invited into the dining room where the birthday cake was served with soda pop and candy.

Those present were: Marjorie Maddox, Arthur Lorenz, Jerry Duncan, Young Bill Maddox, Pam Robertson, David Bernshausen, Rebecca Ann Ferguson, Dottie Albritton, Amy Eyssen, Patricia Ann Bingham, Bunny Patterson, Brenda Gould, Gloria Gould, Margaret Cooper and the honoree.

J. W. Duncan of Guymon, Oklahoma, is visiting his son Edgar Duncan for the holidays.



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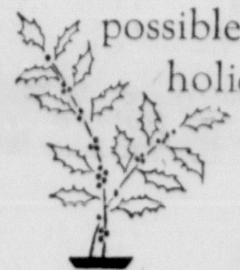
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At this season of the year we join with people in all parts of the world in echoing that age-old sentiment that is ever new and ever appealing—MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

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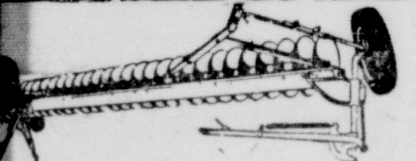
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McCaulley News

By PAULINE SMART

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galloway Jr. from Rails visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galloway and son, Joe, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and Miss Gertrude Mason were visitors in San Angelo Monday.

Mrs. Luther Rector and son, Pat, visited in Sweetwater Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alexander recently moved to Hobbs, after purchasing a laundry there.

A birthday dinner was given for W. S. Peacock in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harris Sunday. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Galloway Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Peacock.

The senior class members were entertained Monday night with a Christmas dinner party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith and daughter, Janice. Gifts were brought individually and names put on them as they arrived.

School will turn out for the Christmas holidays Thursday and will start again January 3, 1949.

The Baptist Church of McCaulley

elected Rev. R. L. Stuckey to be their next pastor. He will move here immediately after the holidays. The former pastor, Rev. C. E. Dick, retired.

A number of parents visited in the school lunchroom last week upon the invitation of S. L. Smith. The lunchroom has a very gay atmosphere, decorated with Christmas trimmings and with a tree in the center.

Dorcus Class Yule Party was Thursday

Annual Christmas party for members of the Dorcus Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church was given at 230 last Thursday afternoon, when a special Christmas program was given.

The class room was decorated with a lighted tree as the center of attractions.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken, and \$15.50 was contributed. Gifts were then made for the purpose of providing Christmas for needy families. Refreshments of fruit pies, whipped cream and coffee were served. The class then sent pies to several shut-ins.

The class is composed of elderly women of the First Baptist Church.

Washington, D. C. is on the banks of the Potomac River.



By WILLIAM TREMON

EVERY day for a week old Oliver had been passing their house in his wagon loaded with pine and cedar trees.

"Christmas trees cheap!" he shouted. "Christmas trees—two dollars. On-ly-y two dollars. . ."

He was passing now, and Marge, washing the few dishes she and Denny had soiled at their noonday meal, wished she couldn't hear the sound of his shouting voice.

Joe always bought old Oliver's trees. "Old Oliver needs the money," he'd say. "And our old car just wouldn't take the bumps of a hunt for a tree in the country around here."

Old Oliver hesitated in front of the little house, repeating his chant until Marge thought she must go to the door and tell him to stop. She



"Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends.

"Denny, Denny!" ran out

and Joe had explained to him the first time they'd bought a tree just the kind they liked. It had to be so tall and so big around. It had to be cedar with clusters of blue berries on it. Old Oliver always had the kind of tree they wanted.

Little Denny ran into the kitchen from the front room.

"Mommy, there's ol' Oliver," he said. "Mommy, he has our tree. . ."

Marge dried her hands and knelt to gather little Denny in her arms.

"I know he has, dear," she said, making herself look at him. Since last January when the horrible car accident had taken Joe away from her, she'd had difficulty in looking at Denny. Denny had Joe's rumpled dark hair, his dark eyes, the deep cleft in his chin. A sob caught in Marge's throat. "Denny, dear," she said thickly, "we're not going to have a tree this Christmas. Daddy isn't here to help decorate it, and besides—Santa will come without a Christmas tree."

"I'll help decorate it," Denny said. "I did last year."

Marge pressed Denny close. "I know, dear—" she said. Poignant memories of last Christmas crowded her so that she couldn't talk for a moment. She could see Joe teetering on the ladder to put the star in the top of the tree.

"I can help, Mommy. . .," Denny insisted.

"You could, dear, but we don't want a tree with Daddy gone. Someday, dear—oh, I hope I never comes to you—you'll understand why Mommy didn't want a Christmas tree!" She rose to her feet hurriedly feeling a rush of tears.

"I'll get your wraps, Denny, and you can play outside in the snow for awhile."

Shadows lengthened in the little house before it came to Marge with frightening realization that it had been all of three hours since Denny'd left the house.

"Denny, Denny!" ran out

on the porch and down the steps, her slim unprotected feet and legs sinking into the deep snow that had banked there. "DENNY—" The echo of her voice came back to her in mocking horror across the white stillness of the little yard.

A cold wind swept against her as she stood at the gate looking up and down the street and calling Denny's name. It was a horrible moment, one in which she knew she must have aged twenty years, and one in which she saw in heart wrenching clarity her unfairness to Denny in harboring a self-centered grief over her loss of Joe to the extent of his safety, his protection, his veritable happiness.

A familiar wagon made the turn at the end of the street, and Marge recognized old Oliver and his load of Christmas trees. His chant rang out again. "Buy your Christmas tree now! On-ly-y two dollars. . ."

Marge shrieked against the wind. "Oh, don't—please don't!" Then she saw Denny—little brown garbed Denny sitting up in the seat by old Oliver!

The wagon stopped by the gate, and old Oliver grinned as Denny climbed down into Marge's reaching arms. "He likka th' ride. He. . ."

Marge didn't give him a chance to talk. "Do you have our tree, Oliver?" she asked.

Old Oliver chuckled and jumped down from the wagon. "All'a week I've had your tree," he said.

"Just put it in the yard," Marge told him. "Why, Denny and I couldn't do without our tree!"

Gypsies came originally from India, not Egypt.

London's main river is the Thames.



TOO GAY? . . . Princess Margaret Rose, shown dancing with an unnamed escort, has drawn criticism from a section of the British press because of the late hours she has been keeping in the course of her social whirl.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey of Hamlin, for the holidays will be Mr. and Mrs. Mart Bailey and family of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Woodstock and son, Don, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Don McCune of Hap v. and Ray Bailey of Mc Murry College.

Miss Martha Burleson of San Angelo is spending Christmas holidays with her father, S. R. Burleson of Hamlin.

London's main river is the Thames.

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl of three and a half. I want a little football and a doll. Please remember my brother, he wants a big football, and some boxing gloves, also a football.

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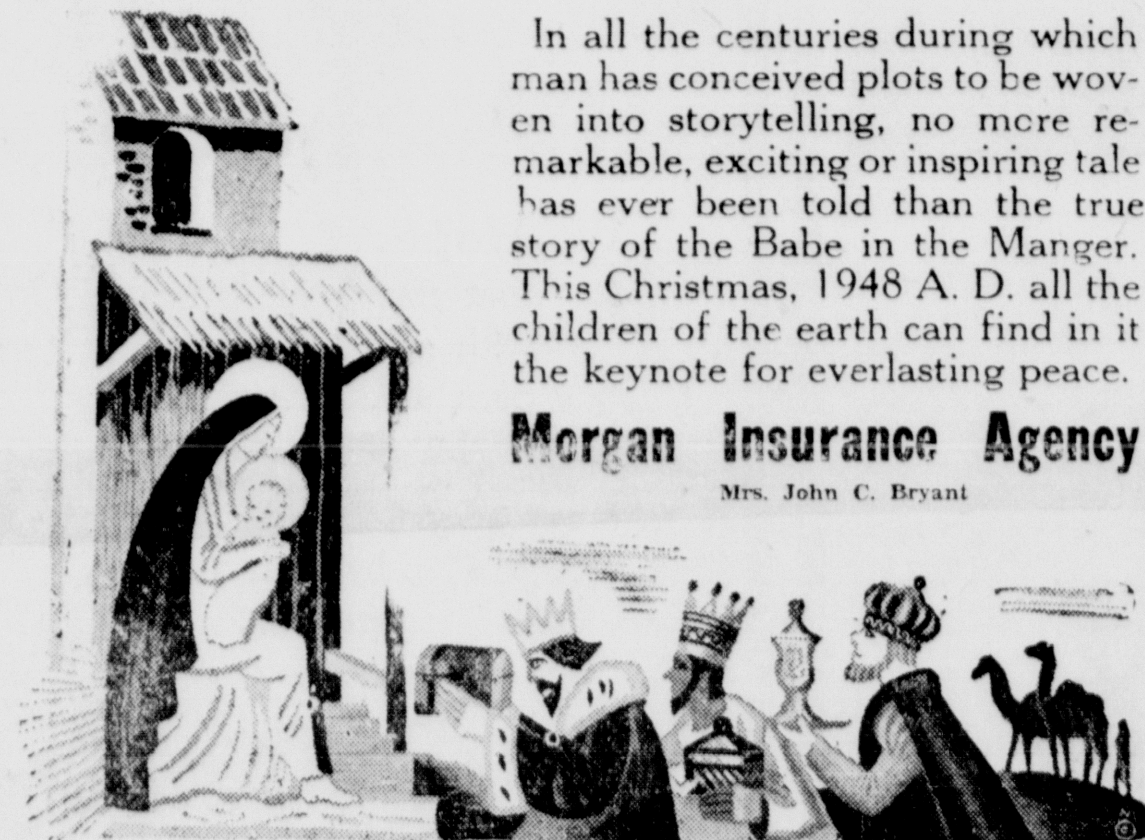


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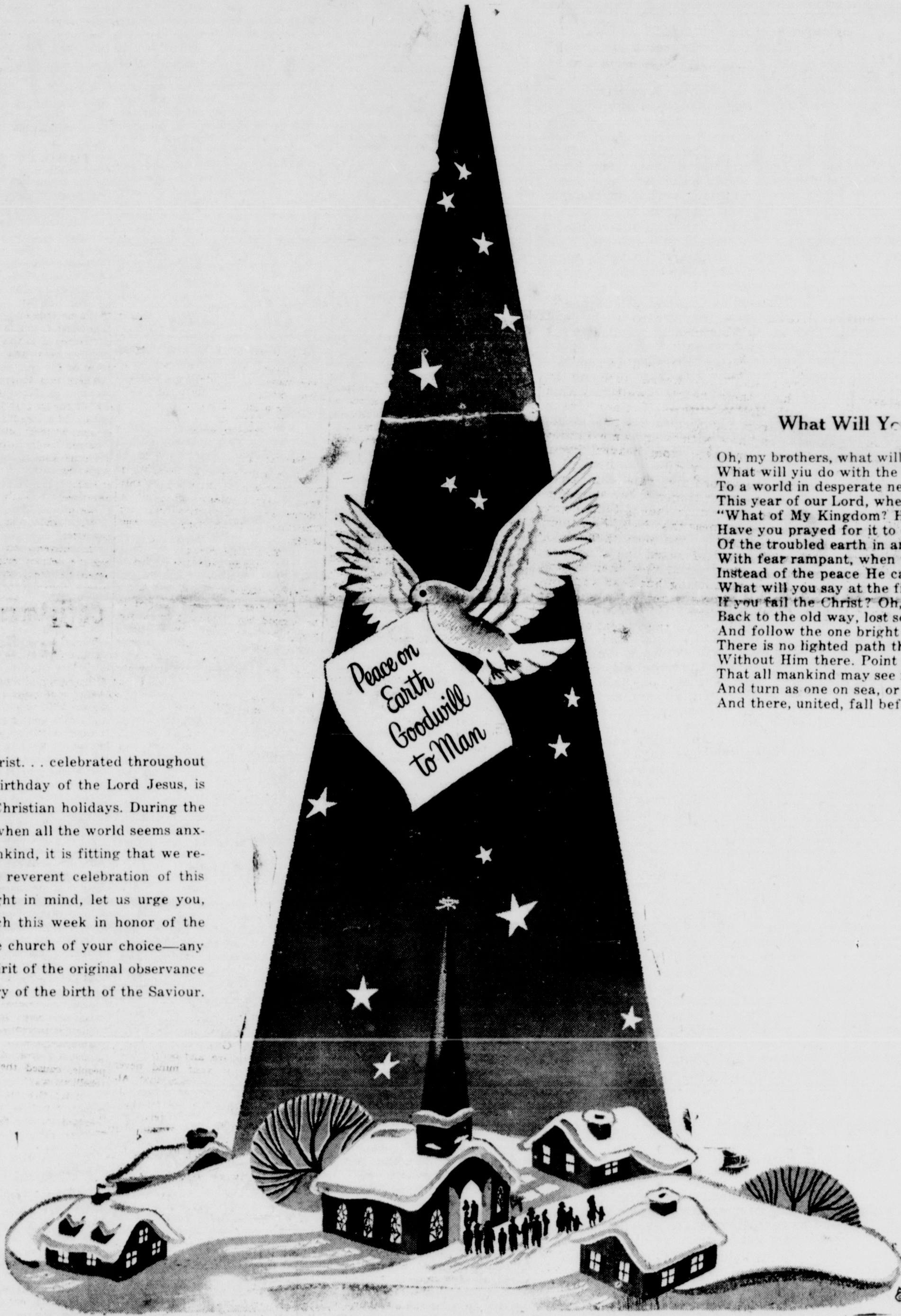
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What Will You Do With Christ?

Oh, my brothers, what will you do with Christ?
What will you do with the Gift God gave, unpriced,
To a world in desperate need? What will you do
This year of our Lord, when He turns and questions you,
"What of My Kingdom? Have you labored well?
Have you prayed for it to come? What can you tell
Of the troubled earth in answer to Him today,
With fear rampant, when war seems on its way,
Instead of the peace He came to earth to bring?
What will you say at the final reckoning?
If you fail the Christ? Oh, turn today and go
Back to the old way, lost so long ago,
And follow the one bright star to His manger bed.
There is no lighted path that lies ahead
Without Him there. Point out that high white star
That all mankind may see its light afar,
And turn as one on sea, or lane, or street,
And there, united, fall before His feet.

—Grace Noll Crowell

Christmas... the feast of Christ... celebrated throughout the Christian world as the birthday of the Lord Jesus, is truly one of the greatest of Christian holidays. During the times in which we now live, when all the world seems anxious to spill the blood of mankind, it is fitting that we return to a sober, solemn and reverent celebration of this great event. With this thought in mind, let us urge you, each of you, to attend church this week in honor of the birthday of Jesus. Attend the church of your choice—any church—but attend in the spirit of the original observance of Christmas—the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour.



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The Promise of Christmas

It was silent in the hills of Judea that night. An ominous feeling of unrest gripped the minds of the shepherds as they sat by their flickering camp fires, keeping watch upon their flocks.

There was a strange new feeling in the air, and several times the shepherds paused, breathless, as they strained their ears to hear a barely perceptible sound that they could not define.

At times a faint rustling seemed to come from the cold, star-lit sky, and the superstitious minds of the shepherds were gripped by an unnameable dread that defied understanding.

It was a war-torn world that they lived in, and they had grown accustomed to the raids of pillaging soldiers and marauding bandits who took by force whatever they might desire.

Simeon, the eldest among the shepherds, looked at the stars and judged the hour to be near midnight, the hour when they would partake of the simple meal prepared for them by their women-folk.

His voice was strained as he called to his fellow-herdsmen to come nearer the flickering fire so he could read to them from the prophets; for Simeon was the only one among them who had been given the luxury of learning.

As they grouped closer together, feeling security in the nearness of each other, he opened the scroll and began slowly to bring them the words of one who had lived hundreds of years before:

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me he that is to be ruler in Israel; and this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land; then shall we raise against him seven shepherds."

The high-pitched, monotonous drone of Simeon paused. He glanced about him at the eager faces, outlined in the flickering light of the hillside fire. Had he not read that seven shepherds would be sent against the Assyrian, and were there not seven here tonight? Then his faded eyes lifted to look across the rolling hills to the town of Bethlehem.

The prophet had said their deliverer would come from there, and was not such a thing fitting, for Bethlehem was the city of David.

The musing of the shepherds was undisturbed. Never had the brilliance of the December sky seemed more clear than now. Simeon spoke again. His voice was almost pleading in his eagerness to understand the import of what he had read:

"Did not the prophet say the Messiah would bring peace? And what greater blessing could the world know than to have this futile slaughter of men and women stopped? Can it be possible that we shall see peace in our time, we who have

known nothing but conflict and war?"

Suddenly Simeon was interrupted. A new and strange light flared in the sky. Like a giant meteor it swung in a blazing arc, leaving in its wake a sulphurous trail that hung suspended over the very city about which Simeon had read.

Startled, the shepherds stood in awe-struck silence. Was this an omen of evil or of good? Did it mean that further punishment would be visited upon Israel? Had they not already atoned for the grievous sins they had committed?

Then—faintly at first, but swelling to a mighty crescendo of volume—they heard the ethereal strains of heavenly music. And to their ears came the sweet voices of the angelic choir:

"Peace on earth, good will to men."

Never had they heard such music. Never had their hearts swelled within them with such warmth. Had not Simeon just read from the Scripture a promise of peace? and now with their own ears they had heard a message from heaven, itself, promising peace.

With one accord they rose and started toward the pointing finger of the star. Forgotten were the resting sheep, and forgotten was the weariness that had beset them at nightfall. They had seen the star of the Messiah, and had heard the announcement of his advent, and now their hearts that had known nothing but fear and conflict and strife, knew a perfect peace that passed understanding.

The world that saw the advent of Jesus was a world torn by war. It was a world of carnage and bloodshed and hatred. It was a world little different from the world today. And it was a world that sorely needed a message of peace.

The light that shone so beautifully on Bethlehem that December night, is shining today. Its rays have not been dimmed with the passing of the years, and its luminous glow has not wavered in pointing out the promise of peace.

That light is shining now upon a world torn in turmoil and drenched in blood and rocked by suspicion and hatred, by charge and counter-charge. It is shining upon a world whose echoes reverberate to the sound of marching feet as nations mobilize for the taking of human life. And yet, the star of peace shines on, undimmed and its light untarnished by the passing of 20 centuries. Its light cannot be seen by eyes that are blinded by worldliness and dimmed by doubts and disbelief. And the song of angels cannot be heard by those whose hearts are not attuned to the message of heaven.

But the promise of peace given that night so long ago, is a promise that has been kept over and over and over again. It is a promise whose fulfillment is available to any who will accept it. The peace about which the angels sang is the same peace that Jesus promised when He said:

"My peace I give unto you... not as the world giveth... let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Herald Acquires New Correspondent; He's Well Educated -- in Third Grade 4 Years

scuddyhoo, texas
desimbar 22, 1948

hamlin harold
hamlin tecksas
deer sir:

sents it is jest abowt chrismus in this naborhood and i am shore in nead of sum cash to use fer buyin presence i thawt i wood talk my pin in hand and drop you a few lines. you sea i am a jernalist and wood like to get a good job on sum paiper. you don't nead nobuddy to rite nuthin fer you do ya? and if you did i wouldn't do wood i?

ennyway i gess i had bettir tell you sumphan abowt me and my famby. i am a yung man foretean yeers of age and am kinda big fer my size. i haiv a pritty good educashun becaws i haiv bin in the therd grad fer the past fore yeers. i gess the teechers like me so mutch thay hait to sea me leeye, don't you?

my paw, who is neod in this naborhood as malakia odle, is a farmir and razes sum stock. we haiv got a cuppel of cows and a horse. we haiv also got a hawg with one white ear named porgy. besides there is maw who is paw's wife. she is shore a swell muthir but paw don't seam to thank she is so hot as a wife sumtimes. ennyway affir thay haiv had one of ther

ergymints he always runs outta the hoves kinda fast so maw can't catch up with him and he genrally tawks to hisself abowt wufles haiv got to git married. uncle bel-shazzir, him bein a reepublickan, lives with us to.

uncle bel is paw's bruthir and he shore is afriad of snaks. ennyway he keeps a bottil of stuff that he sed wuz good fer snak bites. he talks the snak medisin pritty oftin. he sed he can always feat a snak bite a cummin on and don't want to talk no chancis.

there is anuthir caracktir that is almost like a membir of our famby. his naim is sweebie and he is my frend. at leest i thawt he wuz until i lern that he aint gonna by me nuthin fer christmas and i haiv brook off dispoimatick relashuns with him.

now if you thank i wood be wuth sumphan to rite news for yore paiper—and goodniss noes you shore nead sum—thin i will be glad to rite you ever weak.

i wint to church sunday and the prechir sed there's a lot of peepil in this naborhood full of the devil.

hoapin you are the saun,
yores troolie,
yore frend,
pete odle



The Hamlin Herald, designated by Santa Claus as the official opener of his mail in this community, has received letters from boys and girls who have detailed their wants to the venerable saint. Following are the letters received:

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a Di-Dee Doll, some dishes, candy and a baton. Remember my little brother who is nine months old.

Love,

Rebecca Ann Ferguson

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl seven years old. I have been a good little girl. I would like to have a pretty doll and a set of dishes. I am in the first grade.

Love,

Patricia Ann Bigham

Dear Santa Claus:

For being a good little girl this year, would you please bring me a rubber doll, doll buggy, doll clothes and a baton. Don't forget my sister, Janice, and all the other little boys and girls. Please fill our stockings with nuts, candy and fruit. Thanking you,

DeNetta Jean McCracken

Dearest Santa:

I have tried to be a good girl all year even though it was hard to do at times. Please bring me a doll buggy, table and chairs and anything else you think I would like. Remember all the other boys and girls.

I love you,

Ruby Hymen

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a red tractor and my little cousin, Danny, a red car. I also have a little sister, a doll for her will do I guess. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.

Thanks a lot,

Dennis Brown

P. S.—Molmy keeps cookies in the cookie jar—help yourself.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a bicycle. Margaret Allison.

Dear Santa:

Do you remember me? I am a little boy almost six years old. Will be six years old next week. I live on a farm near Hamlin, and my name is Larry Johnson. I have many toys, but would like to have a few other things, if you can bring them to me. And if you can't bring me all the things I want, that will be all right. Just bring me what you can. Here are some of the things I would like very much: a Roy Rogers cowboy suit, two Pony Boy guns and holsters, a little camera and some film, a set of horse-shoes to pitch, a basket ball for little boys and girls. Thank you for whatever you bring me; and thanks for the things you have been bringing me every Christmas.

Your little friend,

Larry Johnson

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been a good boy. I have made good grades in school so please bring me a little bicycle and bring me a pair of boots.

Your friend,

Don Rimmer

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy two years old. I have been a good little boy all this year. Santa, please bring me a tricycle and a choo-choo train for Christmas. Don't forget my two sisters.

Your little friend,

Ronny Dale Lee

Dearest Santa:

Like everyone else I've tried to be a good boy because I knew you would be here soon. Please bring me a tractor, two guns, a horse, a bell for my tricycle and lots of candy and nuts. Remember everyone else too.

Love,

Walton L. Stahl

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy two and one-half years old. I would like for you to bring me a bally mule, a football and osts of apples and nuts and good things to eat. And don't forget my sister, Jo. Bye, I'll see you Christmas.

Autry Don Andress

Trust in God Needed to Solve Our Problems, Noted Writer Declares

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Is there any special skill available for the solution of difficult situations? Is it possible for a human being to discover some rule or some method by which he or she may gain an understanding, an insight and adeptness in meeting the difficulties of life? Or, is it necessary to depend upon fate, or luck, or a fortuitous combination of circumstances? Is it necessary merely to hope for the best, do the best one can, and muddle through?

Not long ago I put these questions to a man who informs me that he predicated his whole life upon only that which works. He asserted that over a period of years he has definitely resisted any idea that doesn't meet the practical test—will it work? He said he had discovered that Christianity works in human problems with mathematical accuracy and certainty. He declared that if you do certain simple things, regardless of the situation, or how difficult it may be, you can meet it with efficiency and skill.

When I asked him to outline his methods, I was astonished by his reply. He is a graduate of two colleges and a technical school. He has sat under some of the greatest professional brains in the United States, but he maintains that the greatest piece of wisdom that ever came his way was given to him years ago by a simple man who taught him in Sunday School. This teacher said that every morning, and every night he talked over his problems with God and thanked Him for the wise solutions He had given him.

So profoundly did my friend respect this simple-minded man, that he adopted this principle and over a long lifetime has discovered it is true that there is a skill available for meeting difficult situations. He said this skill is stated in the text, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." We pursued this theme together and this article, for what it is worth, is

a combination of this man's thinking and my own.

On the basis of that text, he said there are at least two or three procedures which develop skill in meeting difficult situations. First, the answer is in God. All answers, basically, are in God. But the technique is to believe, and believe it so thoroughly that your mind never wavers in its conviction that Almighty God is greater than any situation. When we are faced by a difficult situation, the tendency is to see only the normity of that situation. Or, it is only to see the bewilderment of the problem. Always when facing difficult situations, practice saying to yourself, "Almighty God is bigger than this situation—Almighty God is wiser than this problem." Say it in the ancient and positive words of the text, "God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble." Emphasize to your own mind that God is a lively, alert, resourceful friend, in every situation.

Undoubtedly, many who read this article are facing difficult situations. I can hear these people say, "I know you mean what you write, and it may be true that God is greater than my problem but that doesn't solve it for me." The reason it doesn't solve it is because you have conditioned your mind to believe that your problem is so tremendous that there is no solution.

If it were my pleasure to talk with you personally, you probably would say, "Theoretically, you are right, but practically, you are wrong. If you did not say this to me out loud, you would be saying it to me subconsciously. My reply would be that from this moment, change your thinking by asserting, and having the utmost confidence in the assertion, "God is greater than my problem."

IN ROBY HOSPITAL.

Mrs. G. W. Whitaker of Sylvester has been discharged from the Fisher County Hospital after receiving medical attention.

A DESCRIPTION OF JESUS...

Published From a Letter Written To Caesar by Publius Lentulus

While all of the Christian world is preparing to celebrate the advent of Jesus Christ upon earth, many people wonder about the appearance of this one whose personality and teachings have changed all history and directed the courses of millions of lives.

The following is a copy of a letter written during the lifetime of Jesus by Publius Lentulus, predecessor of Pontius Pilate as governor of Judea. The letter was to Tiberius Caesar, Emperor of Rome. While the authenticity of the letter cannot be vouchsafed for, yet it is of extreme interest to those who are students of the Master.

The letter follows:

"A man of noble stature and of very beautiful countenance, in which such majesty resides that those who look on him are forced to admire him.

"His hair is of the color of a fully ripe chestnut and from his ear down to his shoulders it is of the color of the earth, but shining. It is parted in the middle of his forehead, after the manner of the Nazarenes.

"His forehead is smooth and very serene, his face free from wrinkle and spot, and with a slight color.

"The nostrils and lips cannot reasonably be found fault with.

"The beard is thick, and like the hair, not very long, and divided in the middle.

"There is a look of terror in his grave eyes. The eyes are like the rays of the sun, and it is impossible to look him steadily in the face on account of their brilliancy.

"When he reproves, he terrifies; when he admonishes, he weeps. He makes himself loved, and is gravely cheerful. It is said that he was never seen to laugh, but he was seen to weep.

"His hands and arms are very beautiful.

"In conversation he is charming, but he seldom engages in it, and when he does converse he is very

modest of countenance.

"In presence he is the most beautiful man that could be seen or imagined; just like his mother, who is the most beautiful young person that was ever beheld in these parts.

"In learning he is an object of wonder to the entire city of Jerusalem. He never studied at all, and yet he knows all sciences.

"He wears sandals, and goes bare-headed. Many laugh at seeing him; but in his presence, and when speaking to him, they fear and tremble.

"It is said that such a man was never seen or heard in these parts. In truth, as the Hebrews tell me, there never were hard such advices, such sublime doctrine as this Christ teaches; and many of the Jews hold him for divine, and they believe in him, while many others accuse him as being contrary to thy majesty.

"It is acknowledged that he has never done harm to any one, but good. All that know him and have had dealings with him, say that they have received from him benefits and health."

Our Christmas Date Started By Romans

The first celebration of the birth of Christ on December 25 took place in the fourth century. Before that date the commemoration of Christ's Nativity and Baptism was held on January 6.

The first mention of Christmas is found in a Roman document known as the "Philocalian Calendar" in the year 354, and the first time the festival was celebrated in Britain was in 598, when St. Augustine baptized 10,000 converts.

In the year 567 the Council of Tours declared a 12-day festival from Christmas to Epiphany, and in 991-1016 the laws ordained that all strife should cease at Christmas. Christmas was established in 813 in Germany and in Norway in the year 150.

Christmas Forced Underground by Puritan Edict Issued in 1644

There was a time when Christmas went underground. People who advocated Christmas were in danger of arrest and imprisonment and it looked as though Christmas was on its way out.

It all happened around 1644 when the Puritans in England forbade any merriment or religious services, by act of parliament, on the ground that it was a heathen festival. What resulted was much grumbling, break-of the law and a Christmas underground which wrote and distributed pamphlets in favor of Christmas.

In 1648, for instance, was published "Canterbury Christmas." This pamphlet gives an account of the subsequent proceedings after the Crier of Canterbury had upon Wednesday, December 22, "openly proclaimed that Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down, and a market should be kept on Christmas day. Which being not observed, (but very ill taken by the country) the town was thereby unserved with provision and trading very much hindered; which occasioned great discontent among people, caused them to rise in a rebellious way."

Among the rarest of the pamphlets issued at that time is one entitled "The Examination and Tryal of Old Father Christmas." In this little volume, "one old Christmas was commanded to be brought to

the Bar, then was a jury for Life and Death to be impaneled." Judge was called Judge Hate-bait, the Sheriff's name was called Leonard Love-peace.

In the end Christmas is acquitted, but is cautioned by Judge Hate-bait, "for avoiding all such scandals as have been cast upon you for the future, do think fit to admonish you, that you remember your Office is not so much to feast the Body, as to refresh the Soul, by thankful and pious Meditations."

Charles II re-established Christmas in 1678 and "Jolly Old Father Christmas" has never had to stand trial since.

Birthday of Jesus An Uncertain Date

It is not surprising that the day and year of the birth of Jesus are uncertain, for methods of keeping track of dates during the era when Christ was born were not very reliable. For years, eminent scholars have been searching the scriptures and all possible records, to try to establish an exact date. So far, they have not succeeded.

Matthew states that Jesus was born during the reign of King Herod, which helps to establish the period of His birth and this is the starting point from which the scholars attempt to reckon the year.

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi, anyway?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gave a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed 400 years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster: "Thou shouldst call him priest, who sits the whole night thru and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who followed the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Youths May Win \$345 in Prizes On State History

A first prize of \$100 will be awarded the winner of the 1948-1949 Junior Historian Contest sponsored by the Texas State Historical Association. Twelve names will receive awards totaling \$345.

Contest entries may deal with any topic in Texas history, but contestants are urged to work on some subject related to their community or local history. Suggested topics are: cattle, trails, saddles, Indian depredations, transportation, natural history, exploration, oil, economic, political, or biographical subjects.

"Any boy or girl in Texas under 21 years of age may become eligible for competition," H. Bailey Carroll said. Carroll is editor of "The Junior Historian," the magazine of the Association which is written almost exclusively by young Texans.

April 1, 1949, is announced as the closing date of the contest. All interested are invited to write for further information to The Junior Historian, Box 2131, University Station, Austin 12, Texas.

Christmas in Many Lands Holds Tradition

Below are a series of seven ways the people of many lands honor the Christmas season each year.

Christmas in America. Christmas in America means many things to many people. To some it means going to church at midnight on Christmas eve. It means family reunions, visits with friends, cards and messages from those not heard from for many months and often years. It means an abundance of food on some tables meagre fare or perhaps a few little extra delicacies on others. To some who are friendless and homeless, it means just another day.

Yule Log of England. In England, religious services are predominant during the Christmas celebrations. Processions of carolers gather at the doors of the great cathedrals at midnight to sing the traditional Christmas hymns. Christmas mummers enact plays traditional for many hundreds of years. And each Christmas eve, the yule log is brought in and placed in the fireplace. And custom has it that each person in the family must sit on the log and salute it before it is lighted, assuring good luck to the household for the new year.

Pinata in Mexico. In Mexico, street vendors display hand-carved religious figures and tapestries of religious design. Shepherds dress in grotesque costumes and go dancing and singing much as carolers do in the United States. For the children there is the game of "pinata" which is a huge earthen bowl hung from the ceiling and containing fruit and candy and sometimes gifts.

Each child is blindfolded and allowed to hit at the pinata with a big stick. When it is finally broken, the children scramble for the gifts and candy.

Christmas in Czechoslovakia. To the people of Czechoslovakia, Christmas means the ending of all quarrels and the beginning of a new year among friends. Much visiting of friends and foes is done so that misunderstandings may be cleared and enmities forgiven. A legend that still persists is the belief that St. Nicholas descends from a golden cord led by an angel.

Christmas in Holland. Christmas in Holland means the hanging of wooden shoes and stockings with hay and carrots for St. Nicholas and his white horse. These are placed by the window on Christmas eve, along with bowls of water. In the morning, these offerings to Santa have been replaced with gifts.

After church on Christmas morning, groups of men parade in grotesque costumes, singing from house to house.

Christmas in Germany. In the Germany of more peaceful times, the great moment was decoration of the Tannebaum, or the Christmas tree. This is done with great secrecy to be lighted only on Christmas eve. Toys made in intricate detail are the pride of young and old alike, and often are exact miniature reproductions of mechanical equipment familiar to various sections of the country.

Russia and "Sleepy Hen." Many Russian traditions have been lost and forgotten in recent years but those remaining still include the family reunions and happy moments for the children. At midnight a sleeping hen is taken from the roost and brought into the kitchen. On the floor are five piles of grain representing Wealth, Poverty, Death, Marriage and a Life of Single Blessedness. Sleepily, the hen moves from one pile of grain to the other, depicting, by her selection, the fate of the family or individuals. On Christmas eve a pie of wood known as the badnyak is solemnly burned to keep away evil spirits.

Yule Party Is Given For Members of WSCS

Members of the Womens Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. C. Culbertson last Monday.

The rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors with emphasis on a beautifully lighted Christmas tree. Mrs. Buren Carlton was program leader. Theme of the program was "They Offered Him Gifts." Assisting on the program were Mrs. A. A. Hackley, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. C. P. Yates, Mrs. N. A. Johnston and Miss Ella Temple.

Mrs. Buren Carlton told the story of "The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke. At conclusion of the program gifts were exchanged. A salad plate, sandwiches, paradise rolls and coffee were served to Mrs. V. V. Anderson, Mrs. Ed Bailey, Mrs. C. P. Yates, Mrs. N. A. Johnston, Mrs. L. H. McBride, Mrs. A. A. Hackley, Mrs. D. A. Sauls, Mrs. A. B. Carlton, Mrs. T. T. Bracy, Mrs. M. P. Hudson, Mrs. W. L. Hunter, Mrs. Martha P. Mills, Mrs. W. J. Poe, Miss Ella Temple, Mrs. M. T. Via and Mrs. Culbertson.

FAIR BUILDING BOUGHT.

The Fisher County Fair Association has purchased the former Roby Community Center building, and will move it to the fair grounds southwest of the Roby school building. The structure will be used to house 4-H shows, dairy shows and other community ventures.

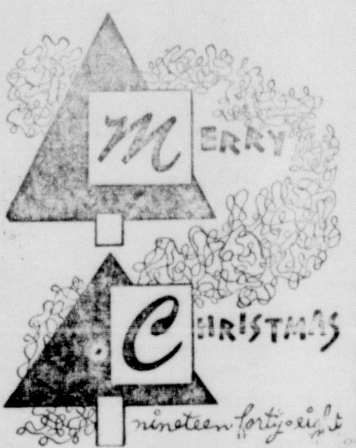
CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD.

B. M. Brundage, assistant district manager of the West Texas Utility Company, and manager of the Hamlin office, was presented a service pen for 20 years service with the company at a Christmas party held last Monday night at the Stamford Country Club.

ton, Mrs. T. T. Bracy, Mrs. M. P. Hudson, Mrs. W. L. Hunter, Mrs. Martha P. Mills, Mrs. W. J. Poe, Miss Ella Temple, Mrs. M. T. Via and Mrs. Culbertson.



Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.



We echo the world-wide greeting to all of you, friends and neighbors.

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Dr. J. W. McCrary



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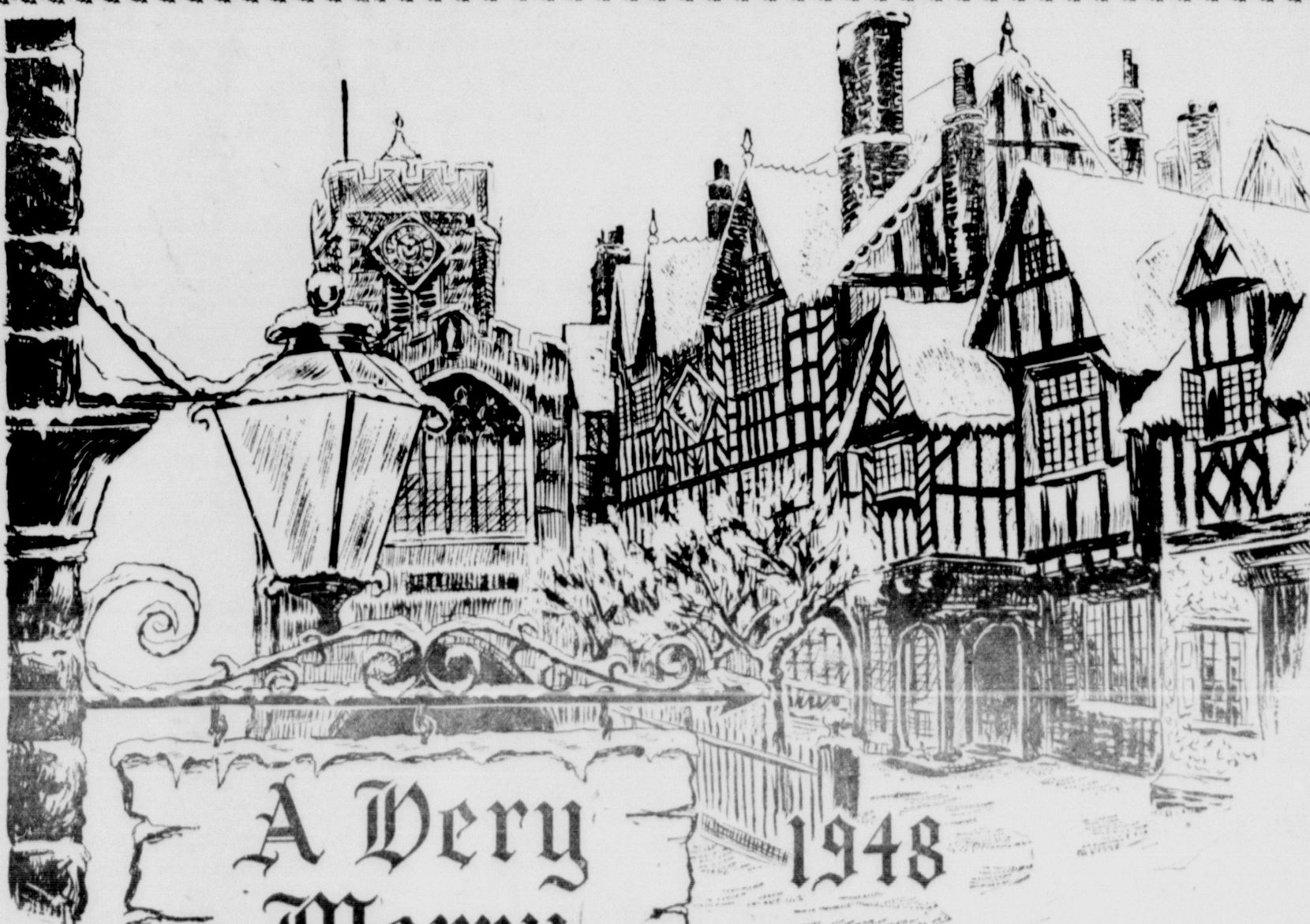
As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.

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Hearty greetings, and a sincere wish for your happiness on Christmas Day.

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"I WAS A GOOD GIRL ALL YEAR" . . . It looks as though Santa believes her, too. Right now Santa is busy with millions of interviews like this, but he's expected to stay on schedule and arrive here December 25.

Have Tree Base Stand In Water

Christmas trees, like flowers, will respond to being kept with the base in the water. Here are two simple things to do if you want your tree to stay green and fresh.

Buy a tree which has been cut as recently as possible.

Cut off the end of the trunk diagonally, at least one inch above the original cut. This will expose a moist surface which will absorb water. Stand the trunk of the tree in water at once, and, if it is not to be taken into the house for several days, keep it in a cool place.

December Dates

There aren't very many famous birthdays during December—too near Christmas! However, a few of history's prominent people were born in December and here they are:

Dec. 8, Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin.
Dec. 16, Ludwig von Beethoven.
Dec. 17, John Greenleaf Whittier.
Dec. 24, Christopher (Kit) Carson.
Dec. 27, Louis Pasteur.
Dec. 28, Woodrow Wilson.
Dec. 31, Rudyard Kipling.



Nut-Bowl Filled From Many Lands

Nuts from all over the world go into your nut-bowl at Christmas. Like Christmas traditions, the nuts so popular at this time of year are a mixture of many varieties and different histories.

The English walnut, for instance, is not English at all. It originated in Asia centuries ago and was called "the food of the gods."

The round little filbert and the almond came from the Old World. Other nuts, so familiar at Christmas, the hickory nut, the black walnut and the chestnut, to say nothing of the pecan, are strictly American. The pecan is native to America and is found nowhere else. Two other American nuts worthy of mention are the chestnut and the butternut.

Although many nuts originated in other parts of the world, almost every variety known is now grown on American soil and experts are constantly searching for more kinds of nuts to transplant to this country.

Much Family Fun In Group Games

"Make it a real family Christmas this year by having Santa pack a few hobby supplies or games into his pack that the whole family can enjoy together." This suggestion comes from E. H. Regnier, a recreation specialist at the University of Illinois.

There are many hobbies that can help build companionship between parents and children. Mothers and daughters like jewelry construction and tapestry weaving. Dad and Junior go in for model-making—airplanes, boats, trains and other items of special interest to the male population.

Everyone enjoys operating a printing press. Small presses turn out newspapers that have a real professional look. Shellcraft and woodburning are hobbies that produce genuinely useful articles. For family fun, rubber-tipped darts, indoor plastic horseshoes and marble games are excellent.



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

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May your gift be an assurance that all your most cherished dreams and hopes will be realized—that is our wish for you at this happy Yuletide season.

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By PATRICIA SINCLAIR

AVIS stood inside the spacious hall of the Carron home with her small overnight bag at her feet and greeted the slim girl approaching her. "Merry Christmas, Barbara! Oh-h, it's snowing beautifully outside!" She looked down at the snow on the toes of her small white boots. "I hate to track it in," she said.

"Don't worry about that. I'm so happy you came," Barbara smiled and helped Avis remove her snow-covered garments.

"Oh, I wouldn't have missed coming for all the world," Avis said, and meant it, now that she was actually there. Her dark eyes swept the attractive, decorated home, and the inviting fire that roared



Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed as they lifted to meet Steve's.

about huge logs in an immense

fireplace in the room beyond. "I hope you'll enjoy yourself, Avis," Barbara said. "My guests have not all arrived. Would you like to go up to your room first and—"

"Take the shine from my nose! Yes, thanks so much," Avis responded eagerly, knowing that she needed a few repairing touches after the long trip out to the Carron home by bus.

As she ascended the stairs she thought, how right Barbara had been when she'd told her the other day, after inviting her to her home for the week-end and a Christmas party. "You can't stay in your apartment alone on Christmas. You can't become a recluse just because some fellow preferred another girl to you. You should start all over again."

Barbara was like that. At times Avis couldn't help envying Barbara's carefree, unstable attitude toward men. Barbara would never know the sting of loneliness, the bitter yearning for someone who had become the purpose of life itself.

Avis hadn't told Barbara, nor anyone, everything about her acquaintance with Steve Ross. She hadn't even told Barbara his name. There was no point in going into detail and revealing: "I crossed three states just to get away from the sight of him constantly with the new blonde who came to town."

Avis could hear Barbara's response to such a revelation. "No battle was ever won by an army of cowards!"

But Avis wasn't built that way. She had pride, and from observation she'd learned that one-sided marriages never panned out.

As she ran a comb through her short dark hair she thought of Steve. It had been two months since she left the little town of Allen Glen. He and Ann were married now of course. They'd spend their first Christmas together.

Her eyes flared, but she quickly brushed aside the threat of tears and hurried from the room to join

Barbara and her guests below. She was glad she'd come. She wouldn't have a chance to think of Steve.

Avis started down the stairs but stopped midway when she saw Steve Ross smiling up at her from the hall below.

He said, "I'm not a ghost, Avis! Merry Christmas, and—well, aren't you glad to see me?" He looked uncertain.

Avis moved down the stairs. "But I didn't know you knew Barbara—"

Steve reached for her hands. "Our dads were acquaintances away back," he said. "Was it quite fair for you to skip town, Avis, and not say a word about where you were going?"

"I—I didn't think you'd miss me," Avis stammered.

"Miss you?" He pressed her hands. "Avis, what's that old saying about absence makes the heart grow fonder? Anyway, I've had a

terrible time tracking you down, until I thought of Barbara."

"Barbara never said a word,"

Avis said, still amazed.

Steve chuckled. "She's a regular cupid. She told me to come tonight and explain more fully about the run-away girl I was trying to find. Then after I got here she told me to wait in the hall, there'd be a Christmas gift appear on the stairs. I suspected then, of course."

Avis laughed, and her eyes glowed "as they lifted to meet Steve's. "Christmas gift indeed!" she said.

The keeping of Christmas or saint's days, and the making of mince pies were illegal in the early Massachusetts and New Haven colonies. The strict religion of the Puritans banned observance of holy days.

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President Urges Public Support For Seal Drive

Citing tuberculosis as a grave health problem throughout the world, President Harry S. Truman declared this week that the American people are in a strategic position to speed the day when its disease can be eradicated.

In a message to the National Tuberculosis Association, President Truman said the American people, through their official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the NTA, can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis and urged the use of Christmas Seals to support the work of the voluntary associations.

The sale of Christmas Seals is being conducted now throughout the country and will continue until Christmas to raise funds for the tuberculosis control work of the NTA and its affiliates.

The President's complete statement follows:

"When the World Health Assembly, meeting in Geneva last summer, adopted the program for the first year's operation of the World Health Organization on a permanent basis, tuberculosis headed the list of health problems.

"The emphasis thus placed on tuberculosis is a forceful reminder of what a serious menace this infectious disease is throughout the world. Even here in the United States, where the tuberculosis death

Miss Scarborough Is Feted on Birthday

Phyllis Scarborough was honored with a party on the occasion of her third birthday anniversary, when he mother, Mrs. John Scarborough, was hostess.

Bubble gum and suckers were favors, and refreshments were served to the following: Peggy Watson, Jackie Gregory, Tommy Brown, Janice Ueckert, Oran Weaver Jr., Clyde Wilson Hodnett, George Wayland Scott, Patricia Roberts, Sue Hodnett, Ray Hodnett, Laguna Weaver, Reta Maynard, Dennis and Carlie Brown, Cheryl Brown.

Mrs. Nobel Watson, Mrs. Earl Gregory, Mrs. Rod Brown, Mrs. E. W. Ueckert, Mrs. Oran Weaver, Mrs. Audrey Hodnett, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. A. C. Roberts, Mrs. J. C. Hodnett, Mrs. Wayne Hodnett, Mrs. Irby Weaver, Mrs. W. L. Maynard, Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. John Brown Jr. and Mrs. Charlie Gregory.

rate is declining, I am informed that nearly 50,000 people died of tuberculosis last year.

"The American people are in a strategic position to help speed the day when tuberculosis will be eradicated. Through our established organizations—our official health agencies and the voluntary associations affiliated with the National Tuberculosis Association—we can lead the way to total victory against tuberculosis.

"Between now and Christmas we have an opportunity again to demonstrate our support of the tuberculosis control work of the voluntary associations by the use of Christmas Seals."

Kings Daughters Had Party December 9

Members of the Kings Daughters Sunday School class of the First Methodist Church were entertained with a Christmas party in the church building last Thursday evening. The rooms were decorated in traditional Christmas colors by a committee composed of Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. Carl Murrell, and Mrs. Eleanor Temple.

Mrs. Mart Farrow, Mrs. Arch Hackley and Mrs. Buren Carlton were members of the entertainment committee for the occasion.

Mrs. Murrell, dressed as Mrs. Christmas, helped entertain the guests, and Mrs. Carlton, dressed as Santa Claus, gave gifts to those present. Mrs. Farrow, teacher, received a set of blue, crystal glassware and a set of crystal water glasses was given to Mrs. Carlton, assistant teacher.

Ruth Class Party Was Event of Thursday

Mrs. Clyde Angel and Mrs. Cecil Sellers were hostesses to members of the Ruth Class of the First Baptist Sunday school in the Angel home last Thursday night.

The living room was attractively decorated in the Christmas motif.

Mrs. Jack Russell had charge of a brief business session. Many gifts of food and clothing were brought to be given to families chosen by the members.

An inspirational talk, "A True Christmas," was given by Mrs. Tate.

May. The class presented a box of imported, handmade handkerchiefs to Mrs. Angel, and each member of the class was given an engraved bookmark by Mrs. Angel.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Lee Current, Mrs. John Howard Jr., Mrs. Bee Current, Mrs. Ned Moore, Mrs. J. W. Ezell, Mrs. Garland Preston, Mrs. Jack Russell, Mrs. Gene Eaton, Mrs. Tate May, Mrs. Joe League, Mrs. Lovel Stell, Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Angel.

GOOD SUPPLY of mimeograph paper, second sheets, copy sheets, stationery and letter papers.—Hamlin Herald

Garden Club Members Are Given Yule Party

Members of the Hamlin Garden Club were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. J. C. Culbertson last Friday afternoon. A lovely seated tea was served by the social committee. Reception rooms were decorated in traditional

holiday colors. Mrs. A. Y. Hackley, leader of the program, discussed decorations for indoors. She was assisted by Mrs. H. O. Cassle, who gave a discussion on out doors decorations. Guests exchanged gift plants at the close of the program. Roll call was answered by giving a favorite poem or carol.

M-Murry Students Gave Play Sunday

A group of eight students from McMurtry College, Abilene, presented a one-act religious drama in the Sylvester High School auditorium Sunday evening. The play, "Release," was based on the release of Barabbas after Jesus had been condemned to death.

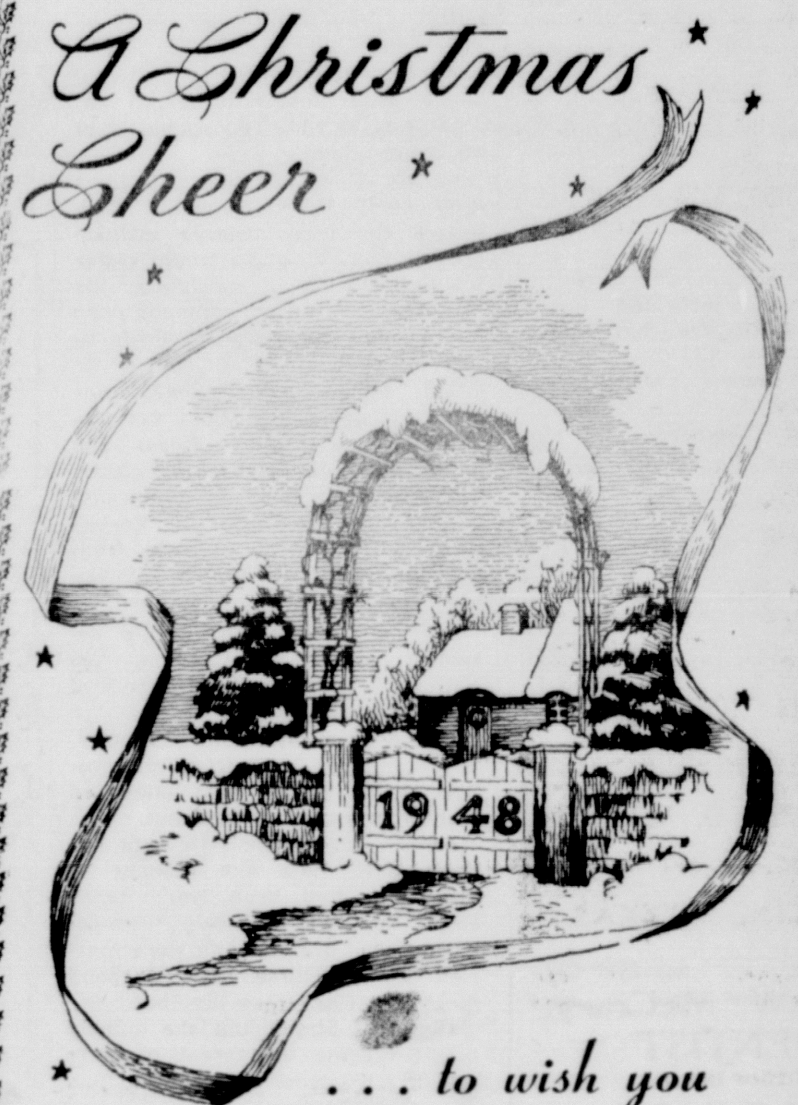
Another group from McMurtry had charge of the morning worship service in the Sylvester Methodist Church. The program given was titled "The Meaning of Christmas for Our Day."



• The old message of "Peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for you all the joys and blessings of the season.

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Mary Martha Class Had Party Thursday

Members of the Mary Martha class of the First Baptist Church were entertained in a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. B. V. Newberry last Thursday evening. Co-hostess was Mrs. Robbie Russell. Mrs. Pauline King, president, had charge of a brief business session.

Members brought food to be delivered to needy families in the Hamlin vicinity Christmas. Mrs. A. R. Posey gave an inspirational talk on the Christmas Story.

Plates, consisting of sandwiches, Christmas salad, fruit cake and coffee were served. Those present were Mrs. Dorothy Wall, Mrs. Pauline King, Mrs. Earl Decker, Mrs. Thelma Maddox, Mrs. Toad Brown, Mrs. Eileen Stine, Mrs. Mabel Duncan, Mrs. Latina Crawford, Mrs. Fay Irwin, Mrs. Lois Peterson, Mrs. Newberry, Mrs. Vel Gardner, and a guest, Mrs. Posey.

Friendly Circle HD Club Is Given Party

Mrs. Jimmy Mayfield was hostess in her home last Friday evening to members of the Friendly Circle Home Demonstration Club, when the annual Christmas party was given.

Gifts were presented to each member present. Dinner was served to the following:

Mrs. C. D. Bingham, Mrs. Cliff Tarver, Mrs. A. B. Rainwater, Mrs. A. D. Agnew, Mrs. Warren Agnew, Mrs. A. D. Crowley, Mrs. W. L. Alford, Mrs. Sam Brooks, Mrs. Alvin Dean, Mrs. Tompsey Young, Miss Loretta Allen, Mrs. W. H. Brady, and the hostess, Mrs. Mayfield.

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Sgt. Joiner Is Given Discharge from Army

Staff Sergeant Lawrence A. Joiner, a former resident of Hamlin, has been given an honorable discharge from service. He was lately attached to the tirways and air communications service and had spent 17 months on duty in Alaska.

The discharge was given Joiner at Barksdale Air Force Base Shreveport, Louisiana, where he was serving as an aircraft control tower operator.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

The board of directors of the Celotex Corporation, declared a regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on common stock and 25 cents a share on preferred stock last week. Both dividends will be payable January 11.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of the Hamlin Church of the Nazarene were entertained with a Christmas program at the evening service last Sunday, according to Rev. Howard Smith, pastor. The program depicted the manger scene at the birth of Christ. Musical numbers were also given during the service.

TAKES SCOUT COURSE.

H. E. "Jake" Lawson, Hamlin Scoutmaster, attended a special training course in scouting in Stamford last week and this week. The course will close Monday evening, with a session on outdoor cooking and scout skills at Camp Tonkawa.

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After the saint's third trip, the girls' father, who had been watching to see who brought the gifts, ran after St. Nicholas and thanked him for his kindness. St. Nicholas made him promise not to divulge his gift-giving and after that he always deposited his presents so secretly that no one ever saw him. Yet people knew, somehow, that it was he who brought gifts during the night, and so whenever they found a package mysteriously delivered they instantly exclaimed, "St. Nicholas has brought it!"

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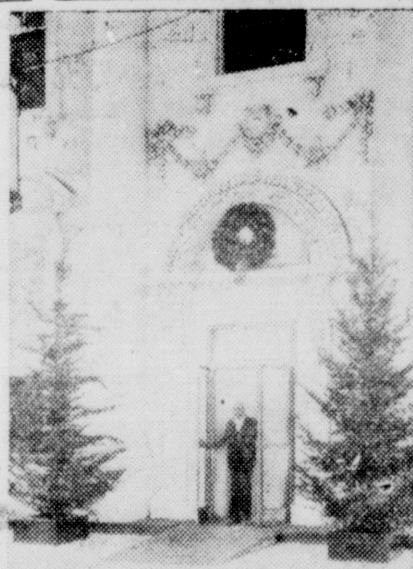
Cannon Fire Hails Christmas in Rome

A cannon fired from the historic Castle of San Angelo at sunset on Christmas Eve proclaims the beginning of the Holy Season in Rome. By nine o'clock everyone is in church to witness the colorful and solemn processions of ecclesiastic dignitaries which precede the elaborate midnight Mass.

Since everyone has fasted for twenty-four hours, festive banquets are in order after the religious solemnities. It is a gala after-midnight in Rome: hotels and restaurants remain open, families and friends gather around sumptuous tables in gaily decorated homes; and in anticipation of the festivities, many people attend church dressed in formal attire.

Between Christmas and Epiphany, the Calabrian shepherds—Pifferari—revisit the homes where they were most cordially welcomed during Advent when they came down from the hills to play their Italian bagpipes before the shrines of the Virgin. The Pifferari play for their Advent hosts during the post-Christmas holidays and receive gifts of wine, dried figs, and small sums of money from their hosts.

England has two towns with Christmas names. Christmas Pie is a small village near Guildford, Surrey, while Christmas Common is near Oxford and Henley.



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Santa Pictured By Thomas Nast

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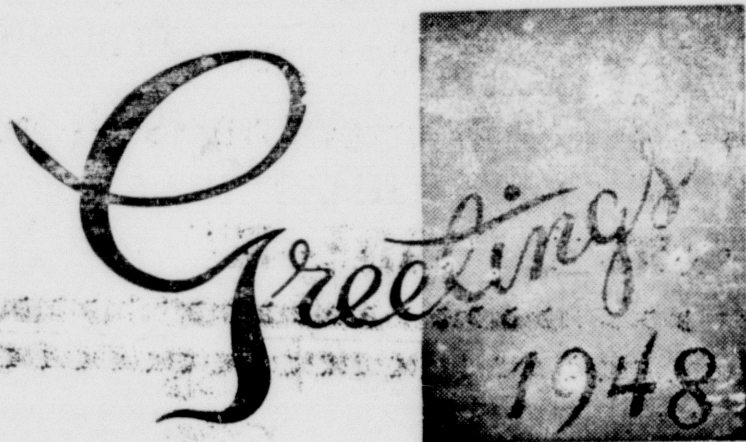
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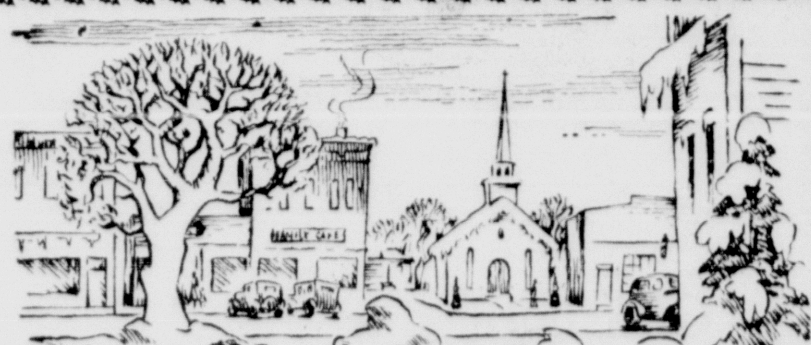
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